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Palestinian children join a Hamas demonstration in Jericho on Friday.

(AP)

Sha'ath arrives in J'lem tomorrow

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's closest aide, Nabil Sha'ath, is due to arrive in Jericho today and may pray at the Al Aksa mosque in Jerusalem on Monday, according to radio and news agency reports quoting Palestinian sources in Gaza.

He will also visit Orient House during his stay in Jerusalem.

Sha'ath, who moved to Gaza last week, brought with him \$20 million dollars for the Palestinian Authority, the sources said.

According to PLO officials in Amman, Israel has agreed to allow 496 PLO deportees to return to their homes in the territories. Omar Khatib, acting chief of the PLO mission in Jordan, said some of those who would be repatriated are members of factions opposed to the Israeli-PLO peace process.

"On the list, there are 409 members of the various PLO cadres around the Arab world and 86 are members of the Palestine Central Council," a liaison body between the PLO's executive and legis-

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lative branches, Khatib said. Also to be repatriated, he said, is Mohammed Zuhdi Nashashibi, who was recently appointed minister of finance in the self-rule authority.

Khatib said Nashashibi would cross the Allenby Bridge today, but "the time of departure of the rest is not yet fixed."

Khalid Mismar, a spokesman for the PLO mission in Amman, said of the nearly 500 Palestinian returnees, 40 come from the Popular and Democratic Fronts for the Liberation of Palestine, which oppose the Israeli-PLO accord.

The new list of returnees is the seventh and largest batch of Palestinians to be allowed to return to their homes since the Oslo agreement. Israel has so far allowed about 200 Palestinian exiles to be returned.

In other news, the IDF announced yesterday that it had arrested a freed Palestinian prisoner because he left the Jericho area. The army said troops captured Muwafak Abdel-Karim Sahweil, who was confined to the Jericho

area under the terms of his release, at a roadblock near Ramallah on Thursday.

A Palestinian Police official said Sahweil was reported missing from Jericho two days ago, when he traveled to his home village near Ramallah to visit his family.

Sahweil, sentenced to life imprisonment, was among hundreds of prisoners Israel turned over this week to the Palestinian Authority, on condition they remain in Jericho until the end of their sentences.

Israel has released about 4,500 prisoners. About 4,000 prisoners, up to 900 of them convicted of attacking and killing Israeli soldiers and civilians, remain in jail.

Freed prisoners in Jericho have appealed to the international community to pressure Israel to allow them to return to their homes elsewhere in the territories.

Saeed Erekat, a minister in the Palestinian Authority, said in remarks broadcast on Israel Radio yesterday: "Bringing the prisoners here, dumping them in Jericho, is not only a violation of the agreement but a violation of the spirit for peace."

Court allows observer to attend Tze'elim-2 trial

EVELYN GORDON

AN outside observer representing four families whose sons died in the 1992 Tze'elim-2 army training accident can sit in on the trial of the two officers allegedly responsible, the High Court of Justice ruled on Friday.

However, the families themselves won't be allowed to attend. The ruling is contingent on the families and the army finding a mutually agreeable candidate for the observer's post.

The two sides settled on a candidate Friday, but he has not yet agreed.

If he doesn't agree, and the parties cannot find another mutually agreeable person, the case might return to the High Court.

According to reports, former head of the Mossad Zvi Zamir is the likely candidate.

The Tze'elim-2 accident, in which a misfired missile during a training exercise resulted in six deaths and five wounded, led the army to file charges against a major and a captain responsible for the exercise.

The case has until now been heard behind closed doors, since the army says the trial will reveal classified details relating to the elite unit which conducted the training exercise.

Ten days ago, however, four of the bereaved families petitioned the court against this decision, arguing that they have a right to see justice done.

The High Court turned the case over to a military court, but when the military court ruled against the families, they repititioned the High Court.

At the High Court's suggestion, the two sides agreed on Friday that one observer, chosen by the families and the army together, can be present throughout the trial, and can examine the complete protocol, on condition that he not reveal any of the contents of the proceedings to the families.

The families themselves will be allowed to read a censored version of the protocol.

If the observer feels at any point that something improper is happening at the trial, he will have the right to petition the High Court, which will rule on the issue in question.

"In this manner, the trial will be made public to the extent possible," wrote Justices Eliahu Mazza, Yitzhak Zamir and Ya'akov Kedmi in their decision. The sensitivity of the matters being discussed at the trial, they said, made it impossible for the families themselves to be present.

The families expressed mixed feelings after the decision.

"I'm not completely happy," said Shlomo Cohen, one of the bereaved parents. "This wasn't the goal."

"I wanted to be present personally," agreed another parent, Shaul Shilo.

However, Shilo added, given the difficult security issues involved, the court had displayed great sensitivity to the families' request.

The families' lawyer, Eliad Shraga, also stressed the court's proposal was better than nothing. "At least regarding [the ques-

tion of] the fairness of the proceedings, there was some sort of proposition which will solve the problem," he said.

At the beginning of Friday's seven-hour hearing, the army had not even been willing to grant this much.

The families walked in with a letter from Maj-Gen. Amnon Levine, the corps commander, in which he suggested letting one member of each family attend some - though not all - of the trial.

Each family, Levine explained, had members with a certain level of security clearance; for more sensitive portions of the trial, they could be thrown out of the courtroom.

In response, the state brought a letter from deputy chief of general staff Maj-Gen. Amnon Shahak, saying this was impossible, since the presence of any observers would "almost certainly cause real damage to state security."

"With all due respect, who is Amnon Levine anyway?" said a furious Nili Arad, head of the Justice Ministry's High Court division and the state's representative at the hearing.

Mazza then suggested the outside observer compromise, but Arad said the army considered this unacceptable as well.

The court then moved to a closed-door hearing, so Arad could explain the army's reasons for this position.

Later, the hearing was moved to the judges' offices so the families and their attorneys could attend without the press being present.

Alon Pinkas contributed to this report

Ram threatens to talk with Likud

3-way coalition appears possible

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

RAM leaders threatened yesterday that if the Histadrut convention is postponed today, they would immediately open coalition talks with the Likud.

At the same time, both Labor and Ram leaders are considering the possibility of a Ram-Labor-Likud coalition, as an inevitable result of the increasing number of agreements with the Likud reached by both parties in the local labor councils.

Despite the resumption of the coalition talks between Ram and Labor on Friday, at Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's request, several agreements between Ram and the Likud were signed over the weekend in the local labor councils.

Last week Ram instructed all its people in the labor councils to make coalition agreements with the Likud, in reaction to Labor's Gershon Gelman and Ya'akov Dahan's doing likewise in Tel Aviv and Afula, respectively.

MK Amir Peretz said yesterday that Ram already has reached such agreements in Haifa, Reh-

vot, Ramla, Dimona, Ofakim, Ashkelon and Hod Hasharon, and is about to sign them in Pardes Hana, Acre, Kfar Sava and Ra'anana.

Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zvili last night guided Labor's representatives in the labor councils to negotiate with all the parties, including the Likud, to form coalitions, noting that on the national level, Labor will continue its coalition talks with Ram.

Senior Ram and Labor sources said yesterday that these developments may dictate what they called "a national unity government" in the Histadrut, namely, a coalition among Ram, Labor and the Likud.

At Friday's meeting between Rabin and Ram leader MK Haim Ramon, together with the leaders of their negotiation teams, Ram demanded to cancel the agreements with the Likud made by

Gelman and Dahan and to take the necessary steps to expel them from the party.

It also demanded that the convention, which will mark the changing of power in the Histadrut, be held as scheduled.

Labor agreed to this, but the issue will be determined by the Histadrut's judiciary authority, which is due today to hear the Likud's petition to postpone the convention, scheduled for June 28, on the basis of the clause in the Histadrut's constitution requiring the elapse of three months from the first executive committee meeting after the elections.

Ram leaders said yesterday that the decision concerning the convention will be crucial to whether they give another chance to coalition negotiations with Labor.

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid (Meretz) said "there are people in Labor who are deter-

mined to push us into the Likud's arms. Tomorrow [Sunday] the die will be cast. If the convention is put off and the Histadrut leadership does not pass into our hands, then today too we will start talking with the Likud."

Likud Histadrut faction head MK Ya'akov Shamai announced yesterday that "the Likud is not an option which Ram can trade in with Labor. We're in nobody's pocket and all the options are open."

Shamai instructed all the Likud's people in the local labor councils to negotiate only with Labor.

The Likud, whose leaders have been approached by both large faction leaders, is also considering a coalition with Labor, which would leave Ram in the Histadrut opposition.

The Joint Jewish-Arab List yesterday expressed shock at both Labor's and Ram's considering the Likud as a coalition partner and said if the Likud is part of the coalition, the Joint Jewish-Arab List is out.

'Railroad authority didn't report derailment'

LIAT COLLINS

THE Israel Railroads Authority did not report a derailment of five train cars laden with hazardous materials, as required by law, the Environment Ministry charged yesterday.

There were no known injuries from the incident, which occurred at 2:30 a.m. Friday at the Kfar Vitkin station.

The cars carried pesticides, methyl bromide and bromide - raw materials for the chemicals industry.

Environment Minister Yossi

Sarid last night condemned the authority's handling of the incident "and the hiding of information pertaining to public welfare required in incidents involving hazardous materials."

Israel Radio quoted railroad officials as stating that all the cars were sealed.

Three of them contained hazardous materials, but they did not leak, the officials said.

Sarid said he would request that

the police investigate the accident and determine whether similar incidents had taken place in the last year and remained unreported by the authority.

The incident only came to the Environment Ministry's notice after a private citizen reported it.

The regional head of the ministry's hazardous materials department, Dr. Morti Sela, and a mobile hazardous materials detection unit immediately set out for the

scene of the accident, according to ministry spokeswoman Sari Zimmerman.

The preliminary investigation showed that although the cars derailed, they did not overturn and there was no leak of hazardous materials.

The authority apparently did report the incident to a team from Bromine Compounds, who together with railroad workers succeeded in removing the cars.

The removal operation lasted until Friday afternoon.

Three killed in road accidents

THREE people were killed on the roads in two accidents over the weekend, bringing last week's death toll on the highways to 14.

On Friday afternoon, two men - Dov Zavko of Afula and Yigal Peretz of Moshav Gadish, were killed when the driver of their car veered into oncoming traffic and collided head-on with another vehicle near the Ramat Yishai Junction in the Jezreel Valley. The two drivers both suffered moderate injuries.

Yonatan Peperman, 37, was killed when he lost control of his vehicle on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv Highway and crashed into the cement median.

The car overturned and Peperman died instantly, while a passenger in the car suffered serious injuries. Police suspect the driver fell asleep at the wheel.

Last night, five people were injured - one seriously - when a car entering a highway from a dirt road crashed into another vehicle in the Wadi Ara region.

Another five people were injured on Friday afternoon on the Iron Highway when two cars collided head-on.

(Itim)

Kupat Holim maintenance workers end strike

JUDY SIEGEL

CLEANLINESS at Kupat Holim Clalit's 15 hospitals is expected to return to normal in a day or two and its 1,300 community clinics will be fully staffed today, following the end of a three-day strike by 6,000 maintenance workers and clerks on Friday afternoon.

They worked the usual reduced Saturday schedule over the weekend.

But they will probably have to do overtime to cart out accumulated garbage and prepare clean laundry for patients.

Union chief Haim Baranes

credited the new Health Minister, Ephraim Sneh, with expediting the end of the strike.

"He is new and we wanted to show him that we were not interested in labor strife for its own sake," Baranes said. "He put pressure on Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, and he in turn influenced Treasury wage chief Shalom Granit."

The workers got a 20 increase in basic salaries, which the Treasury

spokesman said represented a 5% real increase.

Baranes said the workers were giving up certain overtime hours, but would be paid more for extra work in such a way that it would be a pensionable item.

"We didn't get everything we wanted, but it is a satisfactory conclusion to the strike," Baranes said.

The Treasury spokesman said the agreement would cost an addi-

tional NIS 9 million in 1994 and would benefit the lower-paid cleaning workers more than the better-paid administrative personnel.

The accord raises hopes for some labor peace in the health system, as during the past year all the unions have won salary increases, mostly thanks to strikes and sanctions.

There could, however, be future unrest because of dismissals in Clalit due to the health fund's precarious financial situation.

Malaysian king's brother was here for talks with Rabin, Peres

DAVID MAKOVSKY

THE brother of the Malaysian monarch held quiet, "exploratory" talks with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres earlier this week about potential economic links and possible diplomatic ties, a senior Foreign Ministry official confirmed last night.

The Malaysian's name is believed to be Sultan Turko Abdullah, who came here as the guest of an unidentified Israeli businessman, the official confirmed.

"The brother of the Malaysian king was here. He did meet with the prime minister and foreign

minister. I would term the talks exploratory in nature. There were preliminary discussions about diplomatic relations, but nothing advanced. His main interest was economic issues. He was in the country for business reasons," the official said.

Malaysia is considered the most hostile Moslem country towards Israel in southeast Asia.

An unconfirmed report last night said that an economic delegation from Bangladesh is currently visiting Israel. Bangladesh and Israel do not have diplomatic ties.

Small crowd attends Gabriel's WOMAD extravaganza in Eilat

Jerusalem Post Staff

EILAT, rather than Taba, hosted the Peter Gabriel WOMAD extravaganza last night, which was intended to be a breakthrough meeting ground for Israel and Arab music lovers.

Egyptian promoter Youssou Ashmawy said the concert in Taba was called off at the last moment, because the Egyptian government was afraid they could not assure security.

Of the 2,000 Egyptians expected to buy tickets, only a handful showed up with yellow tickets in Arabic for Peter 'Jibril'.

Ashmawy said that even his wife and daughter were detained at the border due to bureaucratic problems.

For all this, the crowd of some 3,500 Israelis and tourists were determined to have a good time.

No one seemed to miss the absence of Egyptian Iman Bahr Darwish, who canceled allegedly due to death threats.

Sunday night's concert in Yarkon Park is expected to draw a far larger crowd.

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Palestinians open up homes sealed by army

JON IMMANUEL

PALESTINIAN advocates of non-violent civil disobedience began making good over the weekend on a pledge to open dozens of houses sealed as punishment by the army during the past decade.

In villages near Jerusalem - Izariya, Kalandia, Kufr Akab and Ras al-Amud - activists, accompanied by cheering villagers, opened more than 40 houses, some welded shut eight years ago.

The campaign to reopen more than 350 houses was announced at a Jerusalem press conference Thursday by Mubarak Awad, the director of the Palestinian Center for the Study of Non-Violence.

Awad, a naturalized US citizen, was deported in 1988, but returned last week for the second time during the past year on a tourist visa. He left the country yesterday.

Samir Awad, his nephew, said "we went through the welding with electric saws and crowbars to

yank the doors open. Each house took at least 45 minutes to open."

Awad pointed out that some of the prisoners whose activities led to the sealing of the homes have now been freed and it did not make sense to keep them closed.

"The houses were sealed as part of the sentence," he said. "We hope the army will not react. This is part of the peace process."

Other houses were of prisoners still in jail.

The IDF said it could make no response at this stage, since it had received no reports of unilateral unsealing of homes by Palestinian activists, but would investigate.

Before his departure Mubarak Awad said, "There can be no real peace while a single home is closed."

Awad also called for the release of all remaining "political prisoners. We want them out immediately."



Mubarak Awad (right) breaks open a home closed by the army five years ago in Azzariya on the eastern border of Jerusalem. (AP/Arzi)

Judge delays ruling on Kikos case evidence

EVELYN GORDON

SUPREME Court Justice Theodor Orr will decide next week whether to declassify a piece of evidence relating to the alleged rape and murder of Hanit Kikos last year, which indicates that she may have been kidnapped by terrorists, and could even still be alive.

The petition was submitted by Suleiman Abeid, who is now being tried for the alleged murder in the Beersheba District Court. Kikos's body was never found.

The prosecution has already finished its summing up in this trial, and the defense is due to complete its summing up by the end of next week.

After a closed-door hearing on Abeid's petition on Friday, Orr decided he still needed the answer to one question, which he asked the state to obtain and present to him today in another closed-door hearing.

According to Abeid's attorney, Avigdor Feldman, Orr promised to make a decision no later than Wednesday, so if he declassifies the evidence, the defense will have time to make use of it before the trial ends.

The evidence, which was classified by Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin for reasons of state security, relates to testimony by the head of the army intelligence corps's terror investigation unit.

This officer said the corps had heard from a very reliable source that Kikos was being held by a terrorist organization. However, for reasons which he declined to specify, he said he doubted the truth of this information.

The officer refused to answer most of Feldman's questions, on the grounds that the answers might reveal classified information.

He said only two things - that on the one hand, the source had not given Kikos's correct name, but on the other hand, he had pinpointed the spot from which she was kidnapped.

Feldman argued that this evidence could be vital to his client's defense. At the very least, he said, the court - rather than the army - should be allowed to weigh the reliability of the information, since even if it is less than fully believable, it might be enough to cast doubt on his client's guilt.

Currently, the entire case against Abeid rests on his confession; as there is no supporting evidence.

Border Police nab woman with knife in Old City

BILL HUTMAN

A TERROR attack was foiled yesterday in Jerusalem by the alert action of a Border Police patrol.

A Palestinian woman acting suspiciously was halted by the patrol just outside the Damascus Gate. Officers searched her and found a large kitchen knife in her possession.

The 20-year-old woman from Tulikarm told interrogators she planned to attack a soldier. She said she wanted to be arrested because of family problems.

Past terror attacks have also been sparked by similar motives,

according to police, who noted the woman had no previous criminal record.

A similar incident occurred yesterday afternoon, when soldiers foiled a terror attack at the settlement of Migdalim near Nabulus.

At a checkpoint, soldiers searched a 17-year-old Arab youth, from a nearby village, and found he was carrying an ax.

He later admitted he had planned to attack settlers because he was having family problems.

Meanwhile, on Friday afternoon, Jewish bus passengers accosted an Arab they believed was carrying a knife on the No. 25 line in north Jerusalem.

The driver, with the passengers holding the Arab youth, drove the bus directly to the Neveh Ya'acov police station. There, it was discovered that the youth was carrying a cigarette lighter shaped like a small pistol, which a passenger had mistook as a knife.

The youth, who had been lightly injured by the passengers, was released. Police praised the passengers for their alertness, since the No. 25 bus line has been the scene of several terror attacks in recent years.

In Hebron, three Arabs were injured during heavy clashes with soldiers on Friday afternoon.

After prayers, dozens of residents gathered in the center of the city, where they began to throw stones and metal objects at soldiers and border policemen, who returned fire.

IDF probes charge general declined to help inquiry

DAVID RUDGE

The IDF is reportedly investigating allegations that a senior officer with the rank of brigadier-general refused to cooperate with a special committee established to examine military ties between the IDF and the South Lebanese Army.

According to a report in Ha'aretz, the committee, set up by OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai, was unable to complete its work because the head of the IDF's Lebanese Liaison Unit, Brig.-Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi "evaded" giving evidence.

The report said that Mordechai decided several weeks ago to appoint the committee to examine the military ties between the unit and the SLA. However, it did not explain why the committee was established, although it was believed to be related to several incidents in the past few months of SLA troops disobeying their own instructions not to fire towards villages north of the security zone in response to attacks on their positions.

There have been reports in the

Lebanese press that some elements of the SLA have been acting independently and that the IDF's supervision of the SLA in some areas was not as tight as it had once been.

In one incident, SLA troops fired directly at the town of Sidon and in another case shelled Nabatieh, hitting a school yard, in response to Hizbullah attacks.

Such shelling, however, was in contravention of the Operation Accountability understandings. The IDF undertook to ensure that there would be no firing at towns or villages, provided Hizbullah and other organizations ceased Katyusha rocket attacks on Israel. Ha'aretz reported that Ashkenazi had twice declined to appear before members of the committee on the grounds that he was unable to attend.

The IDF Spokesman's office in northern command said the whole matter was being investigated, but declined to make any further comment.

Lebanese army moves through Druse areas

BEIRUT (AP) - Some 8,000 troops of Lebanon's fledgling army fanned across the Druse hinterland southeast of Beirut yesterday, to reinstate government authority eroded there during the 1975-1990 civil war.

The move also was aimed at establishing a balance between Christians and Moslems, whose rival militias usurped government powers in their respective regions during the sectarian conflict.

Ululating Druse women waved white handkerchiefs from balconies and showered the incoming tanks and armored personnel carriers with rice in the traditional Lebanese fashion of welcome.

Cheering crowds quickly formed around military checkpoints in Alei, the largest Druse town in Lebanon, 20 kilometers southeast of Beirut.

"I am happily willing to be stopped and searched by our soldiers," Sami Hamdan, 37, a shopkeeper said. "It's now the legitimacy. No more lawlessness. No more crazy militiamen."

Yesterday's unopposed move restored state authority to more than 65 percent of Lebanon's population centers. But much of southern and eastern Lebanon remained out of control.

The 47,000-strong Lebanese Army, backed by 40,000 Syrian troops, already has Beirut and the Christian heartland northeast of the capital under tight control.

Habad opens 'mitzva' campaign as week of mourning for rebbe ends

EMILY TORGAN

had organization said plans are being made for group flights to the US for those who want to mark the shloshim (30th day) after the rebbe's passing.

In New York, meanwhile, authorities on Habad say the most interesting feature of Schneerson's three-page will is that it designates Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky, a moderate who discouraged the promotion of Schneerson as the messiah, as chief executor.

"Placing so much faith in [Krinsky] says a lot about where Schneerson wanted the movement to go," said Dr. Allen Nadler, a professor at the Yivo Institute for Jewish Research in New York.

Journalist Yori Yanover, author of the book *Dancing and Crying*, on the power struggles within Habad, said that by giving Krinsky so much power, and by not even naming his rival, Leib Groner, as alternate executor, Schneerson

had, in effect, disempowered Groner.

When Schneerson's will was read to thousands of community members on Tuesday night, Groner did not attend.

Krinsky is considered more modern and sophisticated, while Groner was the leader of what Yanover calls the "East European, shield, peasant faction," the group more likely to believe in miracles. The two had bitter fights about the rebbe's medical care.

Yanover said that, messianic claims notwithstanding, Schneerson was aware of his own mortality. He called the will "a gorgeous move" that would "chart the future, radically changing Lubavitch as we know it."

Yanover added that by choosing to both write a will and not to appoint a successor, Schneerson wanted to "dismantle the monolithic Lubavitch movement," and turn it into a "lean and mean apparatus for the spreading of Judaism."

Herut's Yohanan Bader dies

HUNDREDS of friends, relatives, current and former Knesset members, and veterans of the Herut movement attended the funeral Friday of Herut leader Dr. Yohanan Bader, who died earlier that day at 93.

Likud MKs Yitzhak Shamir, Binyamin Netanyahu, Ariel Sharon, Uzi Landau, Moshe Katsav, Yehoshua Matza, David Mena, Naomi Blumenthal and others paid Bader homage at Beit Jabotinsky in Tel Aviv, where his body was displayed before burial.

Hundreds of Herut veterans and IZL fighters, Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, and representatives of Mapai, including former minister Haim Zadok and journalist Hannah Semer, were also among the mourners. Kaddish was recited by Yisrael Gilad, husband of Bader's niece.

Netanyahu delivered a eulogy on behalf of the Likud.

"A dear friend has left us, a man of many achievements, both spiritual and practical, a superb columnist and a brilliant economist," he said.

"Dr. Bader was among those who laid the foundations of Israel's parliamentary system. He established blueprints for legislation in all fundamental areas, especially in that of the state budget. He helped the government solve basic national problems and contributed to shaping the foundations of the state in general and the Knesset in particular. He was a living example of an efficient parliamentary opposition struggling against a failing and dangerous administration. The country and the Likud have lost one of its greatest citizens and guides."

Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss and former ambassador and MK Dov Milman, also eulogized



Veteran Herut leader Yohanan Bader in a 1983 file photograph. (Harari)

Bader, Born in Poland in 1901, Bader was a "Renaissance man" who studied law, philosophy, economics, mathematics and history and won many scientific prizes. He was also a journalist, columnist and photographer.

Starting his political career as a

member of the leftist Hashomer Hatza'ir, he soon switched to the nationalist Herut. He was elected as a Herut MK to the first Knesset in 1949 and served for 23 years.

In an interview a few years ago he said, "Death is like retiring, it is simply another phase. It's a pity it troubles loved ones." (Ilim)

Wedding reception ends in fatal shooting of Beduin

AMIR ROZENBLIT

A MEMBER of the Atarah Beduin tribe was shot dead and another seriously wounded yesterday morning by a member of the tribe who is a Border Police scout.

The fight which led to the shooting by Atarah erupted a little after 9, during a wedding reception in the tribe's tents along the Arad-Dimona road.

According to eyewitnesses, Atarah's son, 17, stabbed another youth during an argument. Members of the tribe attempted to attack him, but Atarah, who serves in a southern unit of the Border Police, drove his son off in his car. The tribesmen stoned the car,

wounding Atiyah, who drove to Soroka Hospital in Beersheba to be treated.

On leaving the hospital, Atiyah encountered members of the tribe, who were armed with axes and sticks. According to Atiyah, they assaulted him, forcing him to fire his pistol in self-defense. Two brothers among his attackers were seriously wounded. Atiyah was held for questioning.

One of the brothers, Mufalah Atarah, 22, died of his wounds in the hospital. The other brother, Yusuf Atarah, 23, underwent surgery, and his condition was critical.

Klausenberger rebbe dies at 90

RABBI Yekutiel Yehuda Halberstam, the Klausenberger rebbe, died at his home in Netanya Friday night at age 90.

Halberstam lived in the neighborhood he set up in Netanya named Kiryat Sanz. He was also the founder of the city's Laniado Hospital. He had thousands of fol-

lowers in Israel and the United States.

Halberstam leaves a second wife, two sons and five daughters. One of his sons, Rabbi Zvi Elimelech Halberstam, is the rabbi of Kiryat Sanz and is expected to be named his successor, religious sources in Netanya said. *Reuter*.

Israel may send field hospital to Angola

Alon Pinkas

ISRAEL may dispatch a military field hospital to Angola as part of an international effort to assist refugees in that country's escalating civil war.

Senior IDF officers participated in UN meetings on the Angolan relief issue in New York recently, when they proposed sending a field hospital. *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

A senior defense source said Prime Minister and Defense Min-

ister Yitzhak Rabin is expected to hold a meeting to decide whether Israel should involve itself in the UN effort while the civil war is still going on. If the idea is approved, the army will dispatch a MASH (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital) unit.

The civil war in Angola resumed in September, 1992, ending a 1991 peace agreement between the government and the UNITA rebels, led by Jonas Savimbi.

Israeli scientists regenerate nerve

WASHINGTON (AP) - Israeli scientists have shown in research on mice that an injured optic nerve can regrow after treatment with an enzyme extracted from fish.

In a study to be published this week in the journal *Science*, researchers at the Weizmann Institute of Science and the Goldschleger Eye Research Institute report that using an enzyme called transglutaminase, they were able to cause severed optic nerves to reattach in laboratory mice.

Injured nerves do not regener-

ate in adult mammals, but they are known to do so in fish, the researchers report. For their research, they extracted transglutaminase from the optic nerves of fish.

They then severed optic nerves in a group of mice, putting transglutaminase at the site of the injury in 16 animals, but not in 11 control animals.

Six weeks later, tests showed that 14 of the 16 treated animals had a visual response to light, while only two of the 11 control animals had such a response.

Haredim flex muscle to close Jerusalem road

BILL HUTMAN

HUNDREDS of haredim rioted yesterday along a major Jerusalem thoroughfare they demand be closed on Shabbat.

The road, Rehov Bar-Ilan, was closed last Saturday for a large gathering for the Satmar rebbe, Rabbi Moshe Teitelbaum. Haredim have been demanding for years that the road be closed every Shabbat.

By late afternoon yesterday, police had detained eight haredim, including five youths, at various locations along Rehov Bar-Ilan.

Youths pushed trash bins onto the street and threw stones in an attempt to close the road. But the road remained open for the most part, with a police keeping the demonstrators back.

The unrest was expected, since posters had been put up throughout the city's haredi neighborhoods late last week calling on residents to demonstrate for the road's closure.

"We told haredi leaders that last week's closure was a one-time deal, because of the rebbe's arrival, and that the road would be open on future Shabbats," a senior police officer at the scene of yesterday's unrest said.

City council opposition leaders, however, had criticized police for allowing the road to be closed last Shabbat, saying the move set a dangerous precedent.



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O.J. can't outrun police in car chase

CHARGED with murdering his ex-wife and her friend, American football legend O.J. Simpson did what made him famous: he ran.

Instead of surrendering to police, Simpson vanished, leaving behind what sounded like a suicide note that proclaimed his innocence. After a five-hour manhunt yesterday, police spotted the former football star riding down the highway with an old teammate, holding a gun to his head.

Clutching a family photo, Simpson was arrested in the driveway of his mansion after more than a dozen police cruisers trailed the white Bronco at moderate speed for 100 kilometers. Millions nationwide watched the unfolding drama on live television as thousands of people along the freeways and city streets waved and cheered "Go O.J.!"

Simpson, 46, was fingerprinted, photographed and jailed without bond. He was to be arraigned on two counts of murder as early as tomorrow. Prosecutors said they would decide later whether to seek the death penalty.

Simpson was allowed to call his mother, Eunice, and drink a glass of orange juice before police took him away, said Cmdr. David Gascon. Simpson's mother had been admitted to a San Francisco hospital for undisclosed reasons Friday night and was in stable condition.

At least 300 curiosity seekers pressed against police lines around Simpson's \$1.2 million mansion, chanting "Free O.J.!" and "Juice, Juice!" Simpson's nickname.

The driver of the Bronco, Simpson's lifelong friend Al Cowlings, was arrested for investigation of aiding and abetting the escape. He was released on \$250,000 bail.

Police believed that Simpson held a gun to his head during the chase, said state police spokeswoman Angel Johnson. A gun was found in the car after his surrender.

In Simpson's handwritten letter, read by a friend at a news

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conference, he said goodbye to friends and mentioned a "last wish" to "leave my children in peace."

"First, everyone understand, I had nothing to do with Nicole's murder," Simpson's letter begins. "If we had a problem, it's because I loved her so much."

"Don't feel sorry for me," the letter said. "I've had a great life, great friends. Please think of the real O.J. and not this lost person."

His attorney, Robert Shapiro, described the football Hall of Famer as suicidal after he and Cowlings vanished Friday morning.

"I can't express the fear I had that this matter would not end the way it did," Shapiro said after their arrest.

Simpson, who played golf with President Clinton only three months ago, was put in a high-security unit of the Men's Central Jail to await a court date tomorrow or Tuesday, said Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sgt. Ron Spier. A deputy was posted outside his door.

Shapiro said he didn't know how Simpson and Cowlings eluded police.

In filing murder charges, authorities painted a stark contrast to the affable demeanor and graceful playing style that made Simpson a role model.

Nicole Brown Simpson, 35, and her friend Ron Goldman, a 25-year-old waiter and aspiring model, were found stabbed to death Sunday night outside Ms. Simpson's condominium in the city's Brentwood section. Her ex-husband lives two miles away.

Ms. Simpson's throat was slashed, and Goldman — whose family said he was not romantically involved with Ms. Simpson — had wounds indicating he fought fiercely for his life. Police believe a knife was used in the slayings.

but the murder weapon has not been recovered.

Nearly a week of evidence-gathering turned up a bloody glove and ski mask in Simpson's home and blood in his car and on his driveway, according to news reports.

The couple divorced in 1992 following a seven-year marriage. While still married, Mrs. Simpson called police in 1989, saying she feared he was going to kill her. She had been punched, slapped and kicked by Simpson, authorities said. He pleaded no contest to wife beating.

Some reports suggested the two were attempting to reconcile at the time of the slayings. They had recently been seen together, but a family friend said those attempts failed and Simpson had turned vengeful.

"He was telling her girlfriends and her that if he ever caught her with anyone he would kill her," the friend told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity. "She totally broke it off with him three weeks ago."

Simpson's attorneys say he was at home at the time of the slayings, waiting for a limousine to take him to the airport for a flight to Chicago. He attended his wife's funeral Thursday and hired forensic experts to assist in his defense.

Orenthal James Simpson was a nimble and powerful running back for the Buffalo Bills, for whom he set a single-season National Football League rushing record with 2,003 yards in 1973. He helped make the University of Southern California a national champion in 1967 and won the Heisman Trophy in 1968.

He also was widely seen as a television sports commentator and in advertisements for Hertz rental cars. He produced several television movies and had featured roles in such productions as *Roots* and *The Naked Gun* comedies.

After the warrant was announced, Hertz dropped Simpson.

(US legend, Page 9)



Police cars chase the white jeep apparently driven by Al Cowlings and carrying O.J. Simpson on an LA highway on Friday. (AP)

Berlin bids goodbye to allied forces

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BERLIN

NEARLY 100,000 Berliners said an emotional farewell yesterday to the Western allied forces who defended their city's freedom during the Cold War with a final parade for the departing US, British and French troops.

But the former Soviet forces who suffered heavy losses liberating Berlin from Hitler's Nazis in 1945 were not invited. The city will hold a separate and smaller parade for the Russian troops leaving Berlin next Saturday.

Mayor Eberhard Diepgen thanked the 2,000 troops on parade, saying Berlin was deeply indebted to the allies who marched into the Nazi capital 49 years ago and later protected West Berlin from a feared Soviet invasion.

"During the last 50 years you and your comrades have been in the front line of the defense of not only the freedom of West Berlin but the freedom of Europe and the peoples' right to self-determination," Diepgen said. "Without your commitment Berlin would not be free and Germany would probably not be united," Diepgen said.

Cheered on by young and old

Berliners from both the east and west parts of town, 2,000 allied troops paraded in full military dress for three km (two miles) down the 17th of June Avenue just west of where the infamous Berlin Wall once stood.

Police estimated that there were at least 75,000 spectators lining the parade route, but said there might have been as many as 100,000 or 125,000.

"The enthusiasm here today is fantastic," said sergeant Fred Capelle of France's Berlin brigade. "It's always a special feeling to march in a parade, but this is extraordinary."

The parade, which included marching bands from the three armies, was led by a joint colour guard made up of French, British and US troops.

"I wish they weren't leaving," said Horst Knauth, a 71-year-old former lieutenant in Hitler's Wehrmacht. "They protected us from the aggression in the East and gave us a wonderful feeling of

security over the last 50 years."

Rolf Roloff, a 49-year-old engineer who has lived in west Berlin since he was expelled from East Germany in 1985, said it would have been a mistake to invite the Russian troops.

"They don't belong here," he said. "They played a completely different role. They were the oppressors."

But a number of British and US troops said they had mixed feelings about that and several said they would have liked to have marched together with the Russians.

"They sacrificed an awful lot," said Ian Cashman, a British army sergeant. "I think it would have been better if they had been here as well. It would have rounded it all off."

Rob Rigdon, a sergeant in the US army, added: "They should be here marching with us. I've met a lot of Russian soldiers here recently and they're a bunch of real nice guys. Why should they go out with

their tails between their legs?" Requests by Russian forces to march with the Western allies were rejected by the Berlin state and federal governments.

Two separate and final farewell ceremonies for Russian and Western allied troops that are being sponsored by Bonn's federal government are set for August 31 and September 8, respectively.

There were 12,000 Western allied troops stationed in West Berlin during the Cold War era — 6,000 American, 4,000 British and 2,000 French troops. Most will be gone by the end of September and the last will depart before the end of the year.

The Western allies first arrived as occupation powers shortly after the end of World War Two in 1945 but their role quickly changed and they became the protectors of freedom in West Berlin during the Cold War.

Post-war relations between the Soviet Union and Western allies deteriorated. The Soviet Union cut off access to Berlin from western Germany in 1948, leading to an 11-month Western airlift. (Reuters)

Haiti closes borders due to sanctions

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AP) — Declaring UN sanctions "akin to genocide," Haiti's military-backed provisional government has declared its land borders and territorial waters off-limits to unauthorized visitors.

The decree also declared state radio and television transmission installations off-limits and prohibited photographs of them.

The measures were the first made public since provisional President Emile Jonassaint declared a state of emergency on June 11.

"The universal economic sanctions (imposed by the United Nations on May 21) constitute a flagrant violation of the rights of man and are akin to genocide," the decree stated. "The escalation of unilateral sanctions only aims at maintaining a chaotic situation liable to provoke fratricidal war."

The decree, signed by Jonassaint's de facto government, was read on state-run Television Nationale by its director, Emmanuel Menard.

It declared as strategic zones the seashore, territorial waters out to 20 km offshore, and a 5-km strip of land along the 390-km border with the Dominican Republic, which shares the Caribbean island of Hispaniola.

It said vessels will be allowed "innocent passage" in territorial waters.

The decree said foreigners caught in the prohibited zones without authorization will be expelled immediately and Haitians punished by law.

US and other foreign ships enforcing the trade embargo often sail within the 20-km zone.

The incident prompted a public condemnation by Roman Catholic Bishop Guire Poulard of Jacmel, a port southwest of the capital of Port-au-Prince.

Jonassaint was appointed provisional president last month. The move was condemned by international leaders, who recognize Jean-Bertrand Aristide as the country's legitimately elected president.

The UN sanctions are aimed at forcing army leaders to resign and allow the return of Aristide to the presidency.

The United Nations Security Council imposed a total trade embargo on Haiti May 21. US President Bill Clinton has since ordered a ban on air service and a halt to most financial transactions on June 25. He has not ruled out the use of military force.

Yeltsin turns to elite division to tackle crime

MOSCOW (Reuters) — President Boris Yeltsin, gearing up for a promised crackdown on organized crime, yesterday went to inspect an elite police division which helped him crush a bloody uprising last year.

The president, flanked by interior and foreign ministers, the heads of his counter-intelligence service and one chamber of parliament and by his national security adviser, promised to increase the number of such troops in his battle against crime.

"You have contributed with dignity to the preservation of civil peace in the country by successfully carrying out your tasks, especially in recent troublesome years," Yeltsin told the 10,000-man division, still known as the Dzerzhinsky division.

His message to the division, based just outside Moscow, was published by Itar-Tass news agency. The unit celebrated its 70th anniversary yesterday.

The division was one of those from the Interior Ministry and the armed forces which helped Yeltsin crush a bloody uprising by his conservative opponents last October.

Interfax news agency quoted Yeltsin as telling the servicemen that 52,000 additional troops would reinforce the Interior Ministry's special units in a crackdown on crime.

Yeltsin visited another elite armed forces group in September last year, days before issuing a decree dissolving the old parliament which sparked the uprising.

The inspection, it appears now,

was an attempt to verify the troops' loyalty to their commander-in-chief.

"I am confident that in future you will secure public safety in the interests of strengthening the Russian state," Yeltsin said in his message.

Russian authorities have issued a number of orders to fight organized crime although none have had much effect.

But this time Yeltsin appears to be taking the matter to heart and he is personally heading the anti-crime campaign.

Earlier this week he issued a decree ordering a crackdown on ruthless, Mafia-style gangs flourishing in the post-communist era, saying they threatened the state.

Yeltsin has given the interior ministry and domestic security service, the FSK, until early next week to present plans for concrete action.

He has also ordered the army to get ready to back interior ministry forces in tackling gangs that have penetrated to the core of business and political life in Russia.

Regional leaders have been told to prepare to impose special controls in cities where organized crime is a particular danger.

This could involve the introduction of an emergency regime in economic centres like Moscow, St Petersburg, Vladivostok, Khabarovsk, Krasnodar and Rostov.

Critics, in and outside parliament, say Yeltsin's decree violates the law and constitution by giving police power to hold suspects for 30 days, seize documents and investigate finances.

Paranormal believers gather for 'unconvention'

LONDON (Reuters) — A thousand skeptics and believers in the paranormal will gather in London yesterday for the nation's first "unconvention" to celebrate the 21st birthday of Britain's journal of strange phenomena.

The *Fortean Times*, founded in 1973 and named after maverick US philosopher Charles Fort, has invited experts on spontaneous human combustion, cold fusion, and alien abductions and imprecations to debate with scientists at the weekend meeting celebrating the journal's coming of age.

"People will have their first chance to hear first-hand from investigators and researchers on various subjects including sea monsters, UFO abductions, and controversial discourses on the edge of science," founder-editor Bob Rickard told Reuters.

"To our knowledge this is the first Fortean convention on this scale on this side of the Atlantic," he said, adding that visitors from France, the United States and possibly further afield were expected to attend the two-day conference.

"There are several events to do with the business of people being abducted by aliens and being imprecated to breed a hybrid alien race," he said. "And the cold fusion debate promises to be quite controversial."

Fortean followers believe cold fusion is a revolutionary way to generate limitless cheap power but physicists deny it exists.

Other Fortean subjects to be

thrashed out by subscribers to the bizarre include the rising incidence of visions of the Virgin Mary, crop circles that mysteriously appear in corn fields overnight, and discoveries of new animal species.

"Zoologists were in despair because they felt all the big animals had all been seen, but this year two large animals were discovered in the jungles of Vietnam — a type of deer and a type of ox," Rickard said. "They are totally new."

He said the journal, which now has 300,000 subscribers worldwide, receives several thousand letters a year, many from the Philippines, the United States and increasingly from Russia.

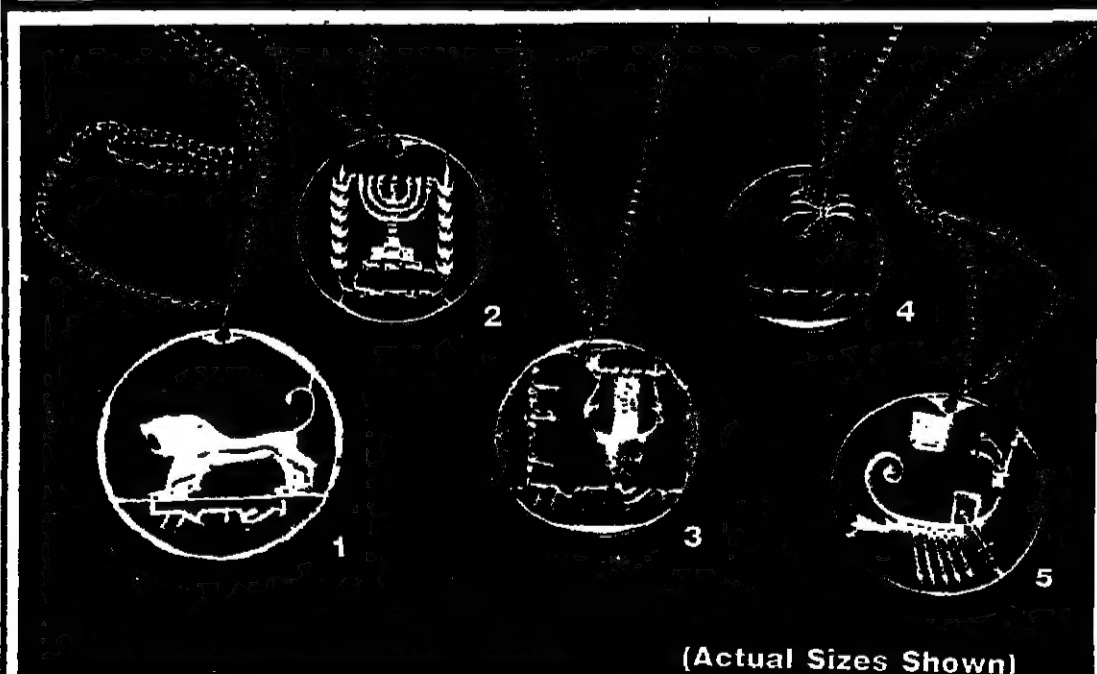
"With the downfall of atheistic communism there's been a massive increase in belief in the paranormal," he said. "It's magical thinking, as if people are turning away from science because it has not solved the world's problems."

Rickard said the journal aimed to give all parties a hearing and did not take sides in any debate.

"If science gangs up on some poor sod we give them a platform to make their case, and let people decide." Organizers have not asked for increased security at the conference despite the chance that some debates, like that on spontaneous human combustion in which bodies unexpectedly burst into flames, threaten to get heated.

"We'll have people standing by with fire hoses," he said. "But I don't anticipate much trouble because we're very much gentlemen."

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MENACHEM BEGIN

MicroScapes: Snapshots of a microscopic universe

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

In the old days, one could figure out how a sewing machine, a typewriter or most other objects worked merely by looking at the moving parts. But in 1947, when the transistor was invented in AT&T's Bell Laboratories, the solid-state revolution changed all that: with no moving parts at the most basic level, form and function no longer went together.

The world of electronics is a microscopic environment. Man builds transistors on a silicon chip half the size of a fingernail, and their details can't be appreciated with the naked eye. When transistors work, nothing observable happens. But with the development of scanning-tunneling or transmission-electron microscopes, which can magnify by as much as a billion times, the beauty of these man-made objects has been revealed.

An exhibition of 50 photographs, called MicroScapes, has opened at the National Museum of Science, Planning and Technology at the old Technion building in the Hadar section of Haifa. Sponsored by the telecommunications giant AT&T, the exhibits have already been seen in 90 sites around the world, mostly science museums, universities and galleries from Kalamazoo to Glasgow.

LEN Stern, AT&T's retired director of photography and now curator of the exhibition, was in Israel for the first time to open the Haifa show.

"MicroScapes is the most popular traveling photo exhibition ever put together," says Stern. "Millions of people have seen it since it

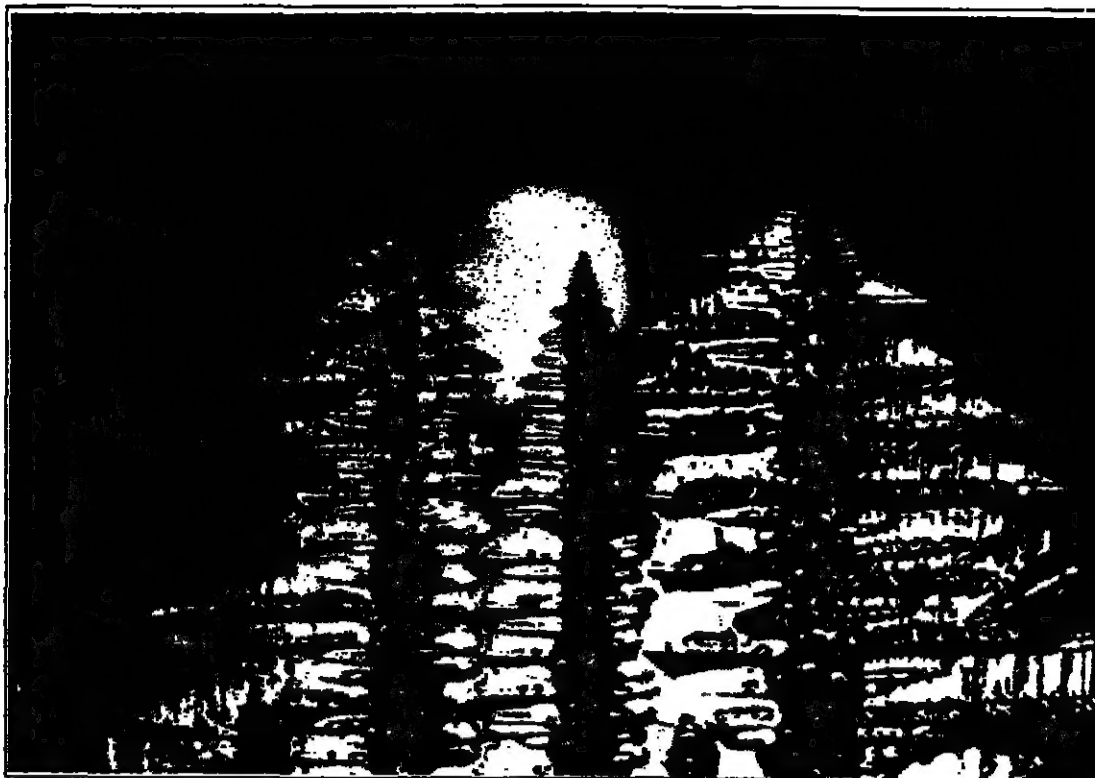
opened at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry a few years ago, and now Israelis can have their chance until the end of July."

It was natural for the AT&T exhibition to come to Israel, Stern says, as the company has had a presence here since 1950 and established an independent, permanent office here three years ago.

Stern, a New York photographer whose works have appeared in many national US publications, says the exhibition is "a metaphor for the information age." The elements are crystals, lasers, silicon chips, molten tin, iron powder, superconductors, glass filaments and even atoms. The photography uses recent advances in electron microscope design and computer enhancement techniques, including thermography, secondary ion mass spectroscopy and interferometry.

"MicroScapes," he continues, "dramatically explores an unseen world of beauty and mystery that underlies information and communication technologies. Atoms on a silicon crystal resemble yellow mountains in a landscape of blue lakes against a stark black sky. Memory chips look like woven tapestries, and an enhanced rendition of a superconductor magnified 240 million times by a special microscope is reminiscent of a crafted quilt. Dispersed colors from a burst of laser light lasting six quadrillionths of a second come to life as objects of fascinating form and beauty."

Stern notes that photography is not just a means of documenting the beauty of this microscopic universe: it helps scientists as a tool in



A photomicrograph of 'tin trees' shows how molten tin solidifies in a pattern of dendrites, or tree-shaped crystals, as it cools under carefully controlled conditions. (AT&T)

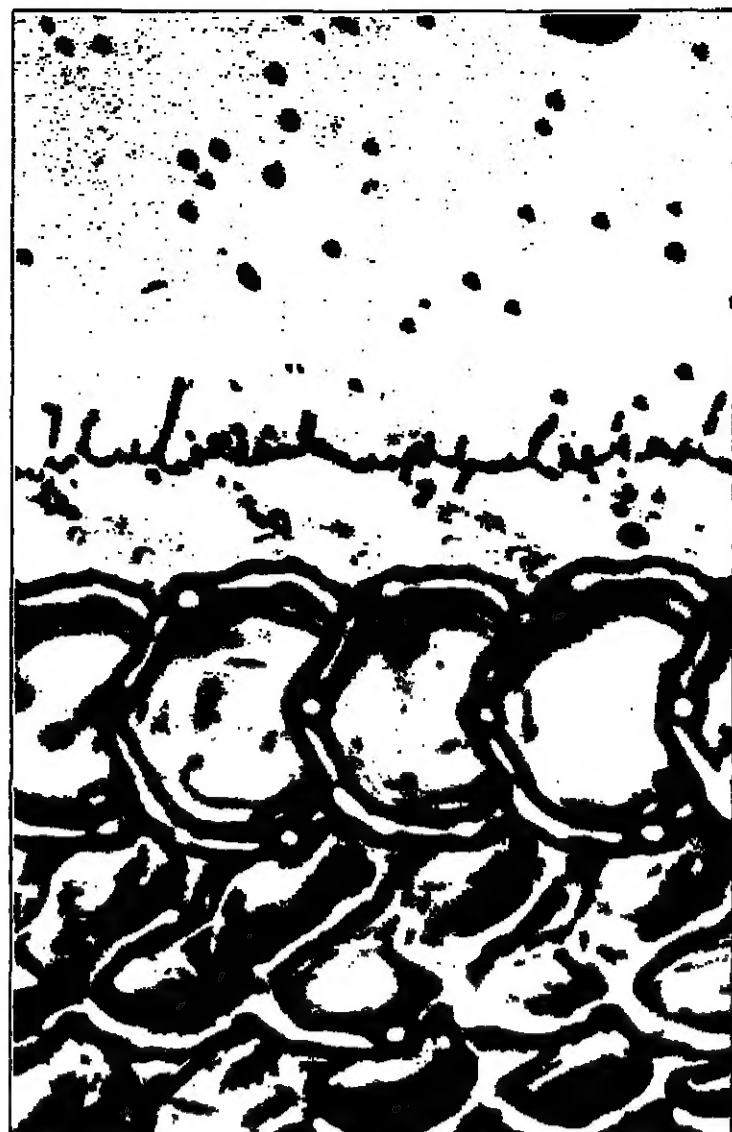
the exploration of the boundaries of science. "They can now record the growth of crystals and see the exact patterns of atoms; until this became possible, they were able only to guess and imagine."

Not all the images are directly viewed through the microscopes, he explains. "Some are computer-generated images based on known data, like the CAD [computer-aided design] systems that help architects. Artists today use computers as their palettes. I like to think of these photographs

as both useful and beautiful."

A photographic image resembling metallic evergreen trees is in fact a picture of molten tin, which solidifies in a characteristic pattern of dendrites, or tree-shaped crystals, as it cools under carefully controlled conditions. Another photograph looks like a head of cauliflower: it was produced by electroplating gold on connector pins, which took on flower-like features as the result of current-density variations during the electroplating process.

When MicroScapes toured Hawaii, Stern and his colleagues decided to invite children and to hide printed captions explaining exactly what they were seeing. "We asked the children what they saw in the photographs, and they came up with an astounding number of ideas." One of AT&T's main interests in sponsoring the exhibition, besides the obvious aim of promoting goodwill for the company, is to inspire interest in science and technology among young people, Stern says.



Nickel substrate coated with a thin film of tantalum and exposed to repeated laser beam pulses. (AT&T)

Plug it in, hear no evil

NEW WORLDS

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

It wouldn't have prevented the bugging of cellular phones that has been making headlines in the media, but a telephone plug that prevents listening to a phone line from its other extensions has been put on the market.

Tadiran Communications and Electro-Netach of Bnei Brak have developed and produced the device, called Hasimon (blocker). The device does not enable "listening in" when the caller wants the conversation - or even a fax or computer-modem message - to be confidential.

However, by pressing a button for a few seconds, it allows the user to transfer the call to another extension and even to hook up a "conference call" for people at several extensions to converse simultaneously. For it to work, every extension must be equipped with the Hasimon.

The phone plug, which sells for around NIS 50, has been approved by the Communications Ministry. It is being marketed at stores selling electrical goods and communications devices.

Electro-Netach engineer Benny Hollander says it looks like any other phone plug that has to be screwed into the wall. The only way someone could get around it would be to unscrew it and replace it with an ordinary phone plug.

BLOODLESS PATHOLOGY

The country's most advanced multimedia lab for the study of pathology has been established at the Tel Aviv University's Sacher School of Medicine. The lab, opened in the medical school's pathology unit, includes 12 Macintosh computers and software that allows students to perform simulated autopsies of the entire human body.

Yoram Friedman of Yoda Computers, which represents Apple Computers in Israel, said the imported software - named Adam - contains animation, text, voice and three-dimensional views that allow students to feel as if they were actually doing a pathological exam. It will not, however, bring an end to actual dissection by students.

Prof. Yair Ben-David, head of the anatomy and anthropology department, said that during the coming months the entire staff of the medical school will learn how to use the equipment and integrate its use in their courses. TAU intends to increase the number of Macintoshes so that more students will be able to use the system simultaneously.

SALIVARY-GLAND FACTORIES

US researchers have learned to turn the salivary glands of rats into "factories" for the production of drugs. The scientists, from the

US National Institute of Dental Research, inserted the gene for a fungus-fighting protein called histatin into a batch of common-cold viruses, then shot the engineered viruses into the rodents' salivary glands. The viruses injected the histatin gene directly into the saliva-making cells, causing them to make small doses of the therapeutic protein around the clock.

Theoretically, this technique could help control oral yeast infections that often plague people with suppressed immune systems.

Brian O'Connell, who headed the study, said in the *American Journal of Physiology* that he hopes genetic engineering can be used to produce other useful proteins, including some to fight periodontal disease. But it will take at least two years before the technique is ready for clinical trials.

BEEPED ABOARD

Israelis accustomed to carrying around a beeper now don't have to do without it when they go abroad.

The Beeper Communications Company, founded by Motorola and Pagecell, offers a new service that is beginning in the US and will spread to other areas, including Hong Kong, South America, Canada and the Philippines, to be followed by Europe.

Subscribers get a special paging device which enables them to receive, anywhere in the US, messages in Hebrew left for them in Israel; the cost to the caller is only a local call. The company sends the message by computer to a US paging company, which transmits it via satellite and can be picked up by the subscriber within a few minutes. People in the US who want to send messages as well can call a special toll-free number.

DOWN WITH POLLUTING SNEAKERS

Sneakers can be a danger to the ecosystem - that is, the type of footwear that has tiny flashing electric lights in the back of the heel that flash whenever the shoe hits the ground. The state of Minnesota has put its foot down and banned the sale of these sneakers, which are powered by electric switches containing mercury.

The state has been worried about the effect of mercury pollution seeping out of landfills into underground aquifers. Even small amounts of this toxic metal can contaminate fish.

According to wire reports, as many as 20,000 pairs of LA Gear sneakers have been sold in Minnesota, the only state to have banned their sale. Each pair contains a gram of mercury, about the same as an ordinary thermometer. A 1992 state law restricted the disposal of thermometers, thermostats and appliances that contain mercury.

Any shop that sells the sneakers faces fines of up to \$700 per pair.



A device made here prevents listening on a phone extension. (S. Rahamim)

This type of sneakers is available in Israel as well, but so far the Environment Ministry hasn't taken any similar action. A ministry spokeswoman said she hoped shops that sell the sneakers will post signs advising how to dispose of used batteries properly, and even install special containers for collecting the sneaker batteries.

STRAWBERRY MOUTHFUL

A single strawberry topped with whipped cream will make a satisfying dessert - if the strawberry in question is the type recently developed in China.

The "Number Two Shimei" strawberry, a new strain, is bigger than a chicken egg, according to an announcement by the official news agency Xinhua in Beijing.

The strawberry is both bigger and sweeter than those now imported from Japan, the news agency claimed, adding that one planted dunam could produce twice as many berries as the Japanese strain.

The development took nine years of work by botanists at the Shijiazhuang Fruit Growing Research Institute.

Step on a nail and ignore it, and you could lose your foot

HEALTH SCAN

POST HEALTH REPORTER

DOCTORS at Haifa's Bnai Zion Hospital report a significant increase in complications from stepping on metal nails.

Injuries of this kind which do not receive prompt treatment can lead to serious infections from the *Pseudomonas* bacterium.

A typical case: 22-year-old Meirad Vaknin of Nesher, near Haifa, stepped on a long, thick nail, which pierced his foot and almost came out the other side near the bone of his little toe.

The wooden plank to which it was attached was "nailed" to his foot; he pulled it away.

"I didn't take my sneaker off," he recalled. "I was afraid my foot would swell and that I wouldn't be able to get it on again."

The young man continued working until he felt a pool of blood in his shoe. He cleaned it up and went home.

Next morning, he woke up with a terrible pain in his leg, which was blue and swollen. Finally, Vaknin went to the hospital, where he was found to have a serious *Pseudomonas* infection. There was a danger that his foot would have to be amputated.

He was hospitalized for three days. Another day's delay would probably have meant amputation. "Had I gotten to the hospital on time," he reflected, "I would have been given an injection and antibiotic pills and gone home."

Bnai Zion doctors say the bacteria thrive in humid conditions, especially inside sneakers, because of the sweat.

Many strains of *Pseudomonas* are now resistant to antibiotics, and finding an effective one can take time, especially if the infection has progressed. Anyone suffering a similar injury is urged to seek immediate medical care, which includes vaccination against tetanus, surgical disinfection and antibiotics.

CLOGGED ARTERY CARE

Localized exposure of coronary arteries to low-level radiation can significantly reduce repeated clogging of vessels that have undergone angioplasty (widening with a balloon), according to a joint

study by Jerusalem and Atlanta researchers.

At a recent cardiology conference in Jerusalem, Dr. Ron Waxman of Shaare Zedek Hospital and Prof. Spencer King of Emory University in Georgia reported that the amount of clogging is cut by 30 to 50 percent.

These findings are based on animal studies; clinical trials will begin soon. Normally, a third to half of all patients who undergo angioplasty suffer clogging again within six months.

HEPATITIS B SHOTS

The Israel Pediatrics Association is recommending that parents have children up to the age of 18 immunized against hepatitis B. Currently, only infants receive the vaccine free at Tzfat Halav (family health) centers.

According to Dr. Pessah Schwartzman, chairman of the association's scientific committee, mass immunization from the former Soviet Union has significantly increased the proportion of carriers among the population. Some will eventually develop chronic liver disease or liver cancer.

People at high risk should be vaccinated, he said. These include hospital staffers and others who come into contact with blood; the sexual partners of hepatitis B carriers, homosexuals and bisexuals and anyone who has ever contracted a sexually transmitted disease. Hemophiliacs, dialysis patients and workers at institutions for the mentally handicapped should also be vaccinated.

Doctors say that vaccinating large numbers of children and teenagers will come close to wiping out the disease here within decades.

The vaccine, given in three shots, can be purchased at private pharmacies with a doctor's prescription.

MRI METAL RISK

When patients go for a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan,

they are advised to remove watches and other metal objects to prevent them being harmed by the magnetic forces. Those with pacemakers and other internal metal devices are barred from undergoing an MRI scan; a pacemaker, for example, can shift in the tissues, or have its pace irreversibly altered.

The *British Medical Journal* reports on a large variety of metal implants that can cause trouble during such scans. These include dental implants, implanted infusion pumps, magnetic stoma plugs, cochlear implants, neurostimulators and ocular prostheses.

Clips used to prevent the explosion of aneurysms in the brain can deflect the MRI's magnetic field, and are known to cause ruptures. But static metallic pieces used in orthopedic and spinal work usually do not prevent a patient from undergoing an MRI scan.

The US Food and Drug Administration, quoted in the article, recommends that patients with metallic implants carry a special card or bracelet to inform hospital personnel who might be contemplating a scan.

It might be a good idea to adopt such a practice here, given the increasing amount of medical "hardware" that patients are carrying and the common use of MRI.

A growing number of companies are making MRI-compatible implants.

SMOKE-FILLED ROOMS

UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali says he would like to ban smoking throughout the UN building - but there isn't much he can do about it. Smoking is presently banned in the corridors and most of the meeting rooms of the East River complex in New York.

He noted that while smoking is prohibited in the General Assembly chamber, no such ban exists regarding the Security Council. The UN is an extraterritorial body, not subject to local or federal law. Nonetheless, some UN agencies in other cities have banned smoking.

'Hired Guns' futuristic role-playing game deserves a shot

IT'S playtime again - another roundup of some of the latest games to land on the "On Line" HQ's doormat.

Sam and Max Hit the Road, by Lucas Arts, comes from the same stable as the Day of the Tentacle, reviewed here recently. The family resemblance is very evident: The user interface is almost the same, some of the music and sound effects are identical, and the wacky graphics have retained their wackiness.

The graphics in this game take up the full screen, the earlier menu having been replaced by a variable mouse cursor, changed by pressing the right mouse button. Despite the larger graphics, I prefer the earlier menu system, as it can be tedious to continually click to get the right option, and if you miss it, you have to go around again.

The plot is the usual convoluted, warped-imagination stuff. Sam the dog and Max the hyperactive rabbit are private detectives working as freelance policemen.

One day they get a message from the police chief and are told that something bizarre is happening at the carnival. It soon turns out that two circus freaks have disappeared, and that our heroes have to cross the USA, visiting all kinds of tourist sites and seedy Smokey restaurants, conversing with low-lives and maladjusted personalities, to find a procession of missing criminals.

The graphics are colorful but a bit slow, and the music is excellent. The humor is a trifle risqué occasionally, so this one is probably not for small children.

Hired Guns, by Psygnosis, is a futuristic role-playing game. Set in a time when anarchy reigns, you guide your four mercenaries through mayhem and destruction to their ultimate target, and then try to remove them safely from the scene of the action.

The disposable plot, as usual, is not particularly important, although the thick manual (in Hebrew) will explain it all, if you can

ON LINE

DANIEL BAUM

be bothered. What you want to know is what keys do what, and where the baddies are.

The game can be played by up to three human players. If you are on your own, you can order your mercenaries to automatically follow one of the others. Each of your heroes, chosen at the beginning of the game from 12 available characters, is armed with an impressive collection of futuristic weapons.

You are given several training missions and an "action game" before you get to the main mission, which is to sabotage a bio-weapon factory. The training missions give you a chance to get used to handling weapons and guiding your characters through the maze-like scenery.

The graphics in a game like this are never brilliant. In this case, the scenery is too small to be de-

tailed as you can see four views on screen at once - one for each of your characters. The graphics are good enough, however, to convey what is going on. The sound effects during the game are OK, except for an appalling chirping sound which continually gets on your nerves.

Once you get used to the game's complexity, it is very playable and generates some tension. Undoubtedly this one is the pick of the current bunch.

ON A SILLIER NOTE, Lilil Devil, from Gremlin Graphics, is another maze-type game, this time with you playing a demon who has to descend to the deepest level of hell to get a pizza, no less.

The first problem with the game is the amount of memory it needs and the amount of disk space it devours. It insists on 580K free conventional memory and three megabytes of EMS memory. This is not easy, as the EMS driver takes up some conventional memory, thus pushing you very close to

the 580K limit. The only way I could get the game to run was by disabling my mouse driver. Even more serious, the game takes 30MB of hard disk space, more than Microsoft Word and Excel together. All games nowadays take up huge swaths of disk space, but this one takes the biscuit!

In the game itself, you wander through the corridors of hell, every now and again coming across a room in which you have to perform a task, such as battling poisonous spiders.

I found the tunnels confusing, not because of their expected maze-like quality, but because of the weird perspective.

What the game boils down to is a collection of loosely connected subgames, with little coherent connection between them, and little to attract you to play them. Definitely a case of good graphics and music; shame about the gameplay.

All these games are distributed locally by Makhshevet, and cost about NIS 120.

Rabbi Ahron Soloveichik

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The health law

By passing the national health insurance law last week, the Knesset not only expressed the will of the large majority of Israelis. It hoped to provide an answer to one of the most daunting challenges to modern industrial society: the ability to deliver adequate medical care to all citizens, regardless of their ability to pay.

Soon after World War II, the notion that equality before the law should be extended to mean the right of every citizen to medical care took hold in most of free Europe and Canada. "Socialized medicine," which mandates medical insurance for all, was instituted in one form or another in virtually all these countries. Now the Clinton administration is attempting to introduce it in the US, to growing popular resistance.

In Israel, where a form of socialized medicine preceded World War II and the establishment of the state, 95 percent of the population is insured through health funds. The system has worked fairly well in delivering egalitarian medical care, but only contributions from abroad have enabled it sustain excellence in research and treatment.

The largest of the health funds, the Histadrut-owned Kupat Holim Clalit, which covers 70 percent of the insured, is now bankrupt. Some of its revenues have been used to finance Histadrut activities which have nothing to do with medical care. The result has been a top-heavy bureaucracy and large-scale waste. Moreover, for various political reasons, it insures whole groups for token fees.

These and a myriad other inequities are what the national health insurance law is supposed to cure. Recommended by a state commission headed by Supreme Court Justice Shoshana Netanyahu, it was first introduced by Ehud Olmert, then Likud's health minister. But to pass in the Knesset, the bill, which endangers the existence of the Histadrut in its present form, had to have Labor support.

Until last week, even Labor could not persuade the Histadrut apparatchiks to support the bill, despite its popularity. Their opposition was strong enough to cause the bill's withdrawal, precipitate the resignation of then-health minister Haim Ramon, and trigger the formation of a coalition headed by Ramon to challenge the current Histadrut leadership. Only when Ramon's victory in the Histadrut election made clear that the political cost of opposing the health bill is prohibi-

tive did the Labor Party decide to vote for it, as it did last week.

But, as is often the case, the popular support the bill enjoys is more a function of the public's dissatisfaction with the existing system than enthusiasm for the new one. Whether this support will continue after the law is implemented in October depends on the degree of efficiency and fairness with which the new system is run. That more substantial government participation can actually foster such efficiency and fairness is debatable.

The public will also have to get used to the idea that there is "no free lunch." Coverage for all will mean that those who pay will pay more, especially since the age of the population is constantly rising, and because costs of modern medicine get higher with every advance in treatment.

The National Insurance Institute, which will be in charge of levying the new health tax (4.8 percent on gross income), believes it will collect NIS 1 billion more than the health funds do today. But regardless of how many currently favored groups will have to pay their fair share, and no matter how many working women will lose their special status under the new law, the extra billion will not materialize unless a majority of the population pays more for health insurance beginning October 1.

If there is one aspect of the new law which is odious on the face of it, it is that its implementation is conditional on passage of legislation that would allow collection of an 0.8 percent "organizational tax," in addition to the health tax. It is a bone thrown to the Histadrut to compensate for the loss in fees it has been collecting from members of its health fund.

But such an involuntary organizational tax is totalitarian in nature - it would force the public to pay for an organization it neither wants nor belongs to - and it is an invitation to abuse. Nor will it ultimately help the Histadrut. At least one competing health fund has already announced it will form its own Histadrut-equivalent, to enable it to retain the organizational tax.

It may be difficult for the Labor Party to accept the new facts of life, but the days of the Histadrut as an industrial conglomerate and a government-within-a-government are over. It is time Israel's labor federation becomes like all such organizations throughout the free world - a voluntary association whose goal is strictly to improve workers' standing and welfare.



The Histadrut Mondial

Peril from Pyongyang

BRENT SCOWCROFT
ARNOLD KANTER

EARLIER this month, North Korea deliberately destroyed the information the International Atomic Energy Agency needed to analyze the fuel rods Pyongyang removed from its 25 megawatt reactor.

As a result of this latest North Korean defiance of its obligations under the Non-Proliferation Treaty, it may never be known whether Kim Il Sung already has enough plutonium to make one or two nuclear weapons.

Now an even larger problem looms. These fuel rods, currently in cooling ponds, contain enough plutonium to make four to six nuclear weapons. In less than three months, they can be moved to North Korea's reprocessing facility at which the plutonium is separated from spent fuel. That "reprocessing" could take perhaps another three months. By the end of this year, therefore, North Korea could have enough fissionable material for up to eight nuclear weapons.

The US must not let that happen.

A hostile North Korea armed with a growing nuclear arsenal, already flight-testing missiles that can reach Japan and poised to export nuclear capabilities to countries such as Iran and Libya would pose an unacceptable threat to US vital interests. It could substantially increase the risks facing its South Korean ally and the 37,000 US military personnel stationed in Korea. It would undermine stability throughout East Asia, fuel a regional nuclear arms race and jeopardize the future of the NPT.

What to do? It is apparent that the US cannot rely solely on IAEA safeguards to block North Korea's reprocessing of its spent fuel. North Korea has repeatedly demonstrated that it will flout its NPT obligations whenever it believes that serves its interests.

Pyongyang's announcement Monday that it is withdrawing from the IAEA almost surely is intended as a warning that it is on the brink of pulling out of the NPT, expelling the IAEA inspectors and removing the IAEA's cameras and other safeguards.

Pyongyang may believe that a perfect time to take this step will be when the fuel rods cool and are ready for reprocessing, and that the US's threat to impose sanctions will be the perfect pretext.

It is hard to imagine that the "phased" economic sanctions being proposed by the US - if and when they are imposed - could

military action, if required, would intentionally be quite limited and designed to minimize the risks of unintentional damage.

It is worth re-emphasizing that the objectives of the proposed "no more reprocessing" policy also are limited. By itself, it cannot deal with the one or two nuclear weapons North Korea may already have.

That said, the policy's stated willingness to use military force if necessary should send Pyongyang an unmistakable signal of US determination to resolve past North Korean nuclear transgressions as well as to preclude future nuclear threats.

At the same time, it is not risk-free. Some believe that any use of military force against North Korea could precipitate an attack against the South and launch a second Korean war. Indeed, North Korea has threatened that just the imposition of economic sanctions could provoke a North Korean military response.

It is therefore imperative that efforts to strengthen US and South Korean defensive military capabilities be stepped up. Such a buildup not only would improve the US's ability to respond to any North Korean attack, but also reassure Seoul and Tokyo.

More generally, the US should make clear to Pyongyang both by its actions and its words that it will not be intimidated by threats or paralyzed by the possibility of war. On the contrary, North Korea must be made to understand that if war is unavoidable, the US would rather fight it sooner than later, when it might have a sizable nuclear arsenal. Likewise, it must understand that if war comes, it will result in the total defeat of North Korea and the demise of the Kim Il Sung regime.

The stakes could hardly be higher. The time for temporizing is over.

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The US should consider a timely destruction of North Korea's nuclear reprocessing facility

possibly slow or halt possible North Korea reprocessing plans in time.

THE TIME has come for more decisive action. Specifically, the US must make clear that whether Pyongyang remains in or withdraws from the NPT, the US will not permit North Korea to reprocess its spent fuel. It should tell North Korea that it either must permit continuous, unfettered IAEA monitoring, or its capacity to reprocess will be removed.

In this connection, it should be noted that aside from possible nuclear waste tanks, no nuclear material will be present in the reprocessing facility until the fuel rods are transferred from the cooling ponds. This means that a timely destruction of North Korea's reprocessing facility would entail far less risk of spreading radioactivity than an attack on a nuclear reactor.

This approach is not intended to be provocative. On the contrary, it is designed to address the very real prospect that a single future act of North Korean defiance could make the already serious North Korean nuclear problem very much worse. The potential

Yasser Arafat's big chance

SHLOMO GAZIT

IN a few days or, at most, weeks, Yasser Arafat will be arriving in Jericho and the Gaza Strip.

The PLO chief's visit will be the most important event in the diplomatic process that began 10 months ago with the signing of the Oslo agreement.

It will be Arafat's greatest performance, perhaps the most fateful one in his leadership career. It could determine the future of the entire peace process.

One must hope that Arafat is aware of the high expectations invested in this visit; that he understands that every step he takes, every word he utters, everything he omits to do or say during the visit will be analyzed on the Palestinian street, and the Israeli one as well.

What Arafat must understand is that he will be put to the test by two different groups - the Palestinian population in the territories and Israeli public opinion - each with a different goal.

Regrettably, the PLO leader will have different, perhaps even contradictory, messages for each. If he wants this visit to be successful, he will have to tread the golden path between these different sets of expectations.

Oslo, Washington and Cairo threw up many obstacles. Questions have been asked about the Palestinians' intentions and those of their leader.

Arafat's upcoming visit will be a golden opportunity for the PLO to clarify those intentions and earn the Israelis' trust.

Arafat won't get the same treat-

ment Sadat did. Israel won't be rolling out the red carpet for him, or inviting him to address the Knesset. (He won't, apparently, even be coming to Jerusalem). He is a "poor man's Sadat."

His visit will be a golden opportunity for the PLO to earn Israeli trust

The Israeli public will want to hear clear messages, the kind only Arafat himself can deliver. If they haven't already begun, his aides should start planning the visit's every detail.

This will be Dr. Ahmed Tibi's great test. He is the one who will be telling the PLO chief what la-

raelis are expecting to hear on his visit.

This is the sort of thing that must be said, and clearly:

• Arafat must start out with a bold, unequivocal statement that there will be no more war.

• Israelis will need to hear courageous statements about the halting of Palestinian terror against Israel.

• They will also want to hear an explicit commitment regarding an end to the conflict. They must hear that the Palestinians don't consider the agreement as just a stage in the step-by-step destruction of Israel.

• We will want to hear that the Palestinians have no further demands beyond the Green Line.

• Arafat will have to relate explicitly to the future of Jerusalem.

• Finally, Israelis will want to hear Arafat state clearly when the Palestinians plan to alter their covenant.

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POSTSCRIPTS

THE ENVIRONMENTAL Assessment Center in Okayama, Japan, announced that it had manufactured an experimental sausage out of recycled Tokyo sewage by adding soybean protein and steak flavoring to sewage solids.

According to a story in the Bos-

ton Globe, a company spokesman said he did not foresee commercially marketing the sausage: "Sewage does have a slight image problem. I don't think people will be content eating something they know has been excreted by humans."

The writer is chairman of the mathematics department at the Horev High School for Girls in Jerusalem.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEMONIZATION EFFORT

Sir, - Brad Aaronson's article of May 20, "Saddam and the smokers," is as blatant a piece of brainwashing as we are becoming accustomed to in today's world of double-speak and political correctness.

That smokers commit suicide in stages has reached pretty well an overall consensus, even among the addicted themselves. For years, to save them from themselves has been the aim of anti-smoking campaigns, and the disdain for non-smokers in the "with it" company of my youth is more and more being replaced by children upbraiding their parents for their bad habit.

However, in the last few years, the emphasis has shifted. The discovery of "secondary smoking" was a godsend to those who find friendly persuasion entirely too slow a process in the (successful, more or less) education which has seen a reduction in young people ever starting to smoke. The smoker now not only kills himself but has become the murderer of innocent bystanders. Anyone sending a puff of tobacco smoke into the air is, by Mr. Aaronson's definition, a mass-murderer in the league of a Saddam Hussein.

Let us assume that no personal antagonism is involved in Mr. Aaronson's gross contempt for proportion that is the recognized characteristic of the true demagogue, but that he is moved only by a deep concern for the health and wellbeing of himself and his fellow human beings. Should he then not also draw attention to the effect of the lungs and blood-vessels, forced upon the citizens of Haifa and Hadera by the poison-spewing oil-refining and coal-burning power-plants in their region? Is he concerned about what his purchases at the gas stations and his uninterrupted power supply at home and at work cost in damage to the health of those who spend their lives in and near the industries of

Haifa Bay, not to speak of all of Haifa's and Hadera's citizens who "passively" breathe sulfur, coal dust and other poisons on a daily basis?

As an economic by profession and a health-conscious citizen by confession, what would be advise about this? That 20th century society give up its cars, buses, massive truck transport of food and materials and return to the horse-and-buggy? That it limit its electricity consumption to lightbulbs only? Should electricity-guzzling household appliances and ozone-damaging refrigerators be thrown on the trash heap?

By extension, what about the emerging concerns about "low-radiation" from televisions, computers and micro-waves? Should health-conscious Mr. Aaronson not be equally concerned about the "passive" absorption of "low radiation" by innocent children who are forced "for their own future good" to sit in front of computers from kindergarten onward?

I am all for consideration of the next one. I, too, consider puffing smoke into someone's else's face rude and inconsiderate. But to brutally brainwash us into regarding it a major death threat in the deadly era in which we have been born, is, at best, a laugh and at worst a manifestation of one of mankind's most enduring negative traits: manipulation by any means of other people's minds for self-gratification.

To single out addicted smoke-puffers and put them into the category of mass-murderers on the Saddam Hussein scale, while ignoring his own undoubted dependence on motorized transport in any form, on his computer and his electricity-powered home comforts, amounts to a demonization effort, worthy of the witch hunters of the Middle Ages.

NECHAMA SHARAR
Tel Katzir.

LUNACY

Sir, - On June 6, you published a letter by Zvi Arndt-Aharoni, under the preposterous caption "Shame on you," protesting against an ad placed by Women in Green. His letter can only be read with a great sense of humor, as he equates Arab terrorism against Is-

rael with Israeli retaliation, and claims that the Israeli soldiers who killed Abu Jihad were actually themselves terrorists. Such lunacy does not deserve expression in your fine paper.

RUTH GREGOR
Jerusalem.

YAD VASHEM MANDATE

Sir, - I take strong exception to your claim that "only the bigoted, intolerant and disturbed can find fault" in the ceremony held by the homosexual/lesbian community at Yad Vashem (your editorial of June 1). I find at least two basic flaws in Yad Vashem's permitting this exercise to take place:

a) In the context of "Gay Pride Month," and given the way the press was invited to cover this event, it would appear to me that the purpose of this gathering was primarily that of publicizing the community. Had it been meant as a commemoration, it could have been held without the publicity circus which the organizers seemed to crave.

b) To quote from its mandate, Yad Vashem was set up to gather documentary evidence of the Holocaust and "to perpetuate the memory of the communities, organizations and institutions which were destroyed because they were Jewish (my emphasis). While the Germans killed people simply because they were homosexuals, they also killed the members of many other groups: mentally defective and gypsies among others. Yad Vashem, though, has a specific aim - perpetuating the memory of those killed because they were Jewish - not those killed because of their sexual inclinations. Should the homosexual community have wished to commemorate those of its members who were killed, it should have chosen a different venue. Its failure to do so is a clear indication that this event was a cynical exploitation of Yad Vashem's mandate. As such, Yad Vashem should have ensured that the event never took place.

SHMUEL HIMELSTEIN
Jerusalem.

VANESSA REDGRAVE'S VISIT

Sir, - Congratulations on your editorial of June 9 relating to the invitation to Vanessa Redgrave to perform at the Haifa Theater.

There is only one appropriate response to Redgrave and to the management of the theater - that when she walks onto the stage on the night of her performance, she should face a totally empty auditorium.

BARBARA GARDENER
Jerusalem.

Like it is

ROCHEL SYLVIA

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Andrew Solomon

Vlady's Conquests

At a recent party in New York, I encountered various members of the Moscow intelligentsia. The topic of conversation was, of course, Vladimir Zhirinovskiy. And I was surprised to find that members of that liberal circle who had first championed Gorbachev spoke of Zhirinovskiy with the sort of good-humored affection that so many Americans applied to Ollie North in his heyday. "You know," said one "he's just a cynic. Everyone in Moscow is a cynic. Everyone in New York is a cynic. It's not such an interesting problem."

where I found what appeared to be a reproduction of the lobby bar at the Intourist Hotel, circa 1986. A band in navy blue jackets with yellow piping was singing Beatles songs in Russian. There was a revolving mirrored ball, and every table had plates of those revoltingly grainy tomatoes and cucumbers I had thought you could grow only in the depleted soil of the steppe. I asked whether Zhirinovskiy was gay, a rumor I'd heard from friends in Moscow. "He's never very interested in women," someone re-

"Everyone hated him at school... So he says whatever will make him popular now, but he doesn't believe any of his own rhetoric."

The Russians were rather amused by my curiosity about their leading nationalist and suggested that I join them, the following evening, to meet some of Zhirinovskiy's New York friends and advisers. At 10 p.m. at the kitschy Russian Samovar restaurant on West Fifty-Second Street, I was introduced to several bearded men with broad features and beards, some of whom wore turtlenecks with their dark blue suits. My attempts to discuss Zhirinovskiy's anti-Semitism were curtailed by The Unforgettable Eugenia, a 72-year-old woman in a long sequined dress, who wore enormous plastic glasses and sang Russian Jewish folk tunes. "I spent last month with him," one member of our group reported between songs, producing snapshots to prove it. "It's a shame, you know—he's really getting very arrogant, not nearly as funny as he used to be. Famous people always have this problem with their sense of humor."

I wondered how funny he used to be, and said that he seemed really strikingly un-funny these days. "You've been reading the New York papers too much," one man said. "It's really a game. Vladimir likes power and attention. Everyone hated him at school; he was the class clown, and provincial! So he says whatever will make him popular now, but he doesn't believe any of his own rhetoric. He's not like Ruskot or Hitler or Stalin. It's all a joke, the biggest joke around." I thought this was pushing cynical pretty far, but I didn't get to say so because The Unforgettable Eugenia began her grand medley from Fiddler on the Roof. "Let's go somewhere we can talk," said Zhirinovskiy's friends, and they led me to a basement at the corner of Fifty-Seventh Street and Eleventh Avenue,

marked. "And he's always got those good-looking young guards around him." Someone else knew a male poet who claimed to have had a long-term liaison with Zhirinovskiy. The vodka had been going around, so everyone was keen to be helpful at this point. "If you want to sleep with him, we could probably arrange that for you," one volunteered. Another shrugged. "It might be fun to write about afterward," he said, then added, sotto voce, "but I know, believe me, I'd think twice about it if I were you."

I was somewhat distracted by the women who had come to join us, all of them wearing enormous quantities of turquoise eyeshadow, one sporting a floor-length black satin dress and shoulder-length black satin gloves with jet buttons. Feeling out of my depth in the political conversation, I got up and danced under the mirrored ball to "All You Need Is Love" and "Let It Be," making good use of the slow-dance two-step that I had last done at a high school dance. When I sat down, I pointed out that even if Zhirinovskiy was really an actor and didn't believe his own rhetoric, he might get trapped by it. "Don't worry," someone said. "He won't get enough power to be trapped. He'll just get influence. Russians are too cynical to elect such a cynic." I expressed relief. "A cynic like that," said one of the company, "could much more easily be elected mayor of New York, even president of the United States." He slapped his hand on the edge of the table. "That's why we live here," he said, and burst out laughing.

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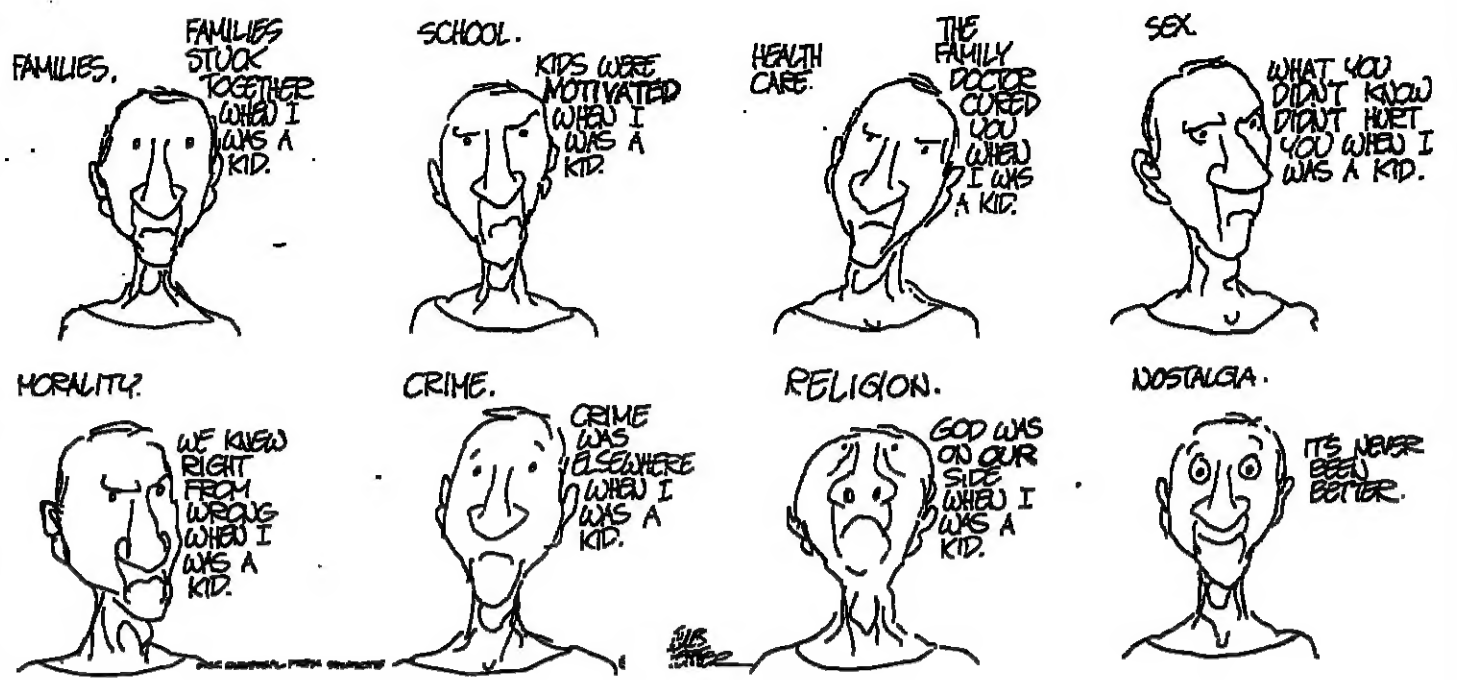


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Cohen and Solomon

"Crime Time" News Exploits Fears

"A scary orgy of violent crime is fueling another public call to action."

That's the way U.S. News & World Report began its cover story on "Violence in America" early this year. In typical fashion, the magazine spoke of "escalating crime numbers" and "the wave of violence" and "the upward spiral" of violent crimes.

It's standard crime coverage: Attention-grabbing, assertive, scary...and inaccurate. Crime is bad in our country, among the worst in the world—but the Justice Department's crime victimization statistics show there is no more violent crime today than 20 years ago. Last year, America's crime rate actually fell.

What has soared is crime coverage. From 1989 through 1991, the three nightly newscasts on network TV together spent 67 minutes per month on crime. By the end of 1993, "crime time" had more than doubled—to 157 minutes each month. It's not just the quantity of television coverage, but also the pitch that has been revved up—as the line between tabloid and "quality" TV disappears. The more grisly the footage the better. Aired and re-aired, it can make even the most distant murder seem like right next door.

The media's crime-coverage spree has hit home with the public. According to ABC polling data, only 5 percent named crime as our country's most important problem in June 1993. By February 1994, crime had skyrocketed to problem No. 1—cited by 31 percent of Americans.

Myths and misconceptions abound. U.S. News and World Report, for example, warned that violence is a contagion spreading to the suburbs from "cold-blooded kids" of America's mean streets. In fact, crime has been decreasing in the suburbs.

News reports emphasize the "random" nature of current violence, but only 13.5 percent of murderers are strangers to their victims, according to the FBI; half of all women murdered in our country are killed by their male partners.

The lurid media coverage pushes politicians to "get tough" on the crime problem. But getting tough is not the same as getting smart. It's often the opposite.

TV coverage of crime is not about solving problems; it's about grabbing and holding audiences with shock images. If television featured rational discussions, we might have learned by now that the widely touted get-tough "solutions" just aren't working.

Our crime problem would have been solved long ago if more prisons and stiffer sentences were the answers. The United States locks up a larger portion of its people than any other country in the world. Due largely to the "war on drugs," our prison population has almost tripled since 1980—to nearly a million people. Yet there's been no real dent in crime.

With hyped-up coverage treating crime as a sudden crisis, the implication is that there might be a sudden solution—whether it's "three strikes and you're out" from conservatives or gun control from liberals.

But crime is a deep social problem that has developed over decades—and solving it will require confronting issues like youth unemployment, urban decay, racism, child abuse and male violence.

Around the country, crime coverage on local TV news—where the motto is often "if it bleeds, it leads"—can be ghastly. Miami's Fox affiliate, which savors street violence with slow-motion footage and tabloid-style sensationalism, has been censored by some South Florida hotels for scaring the guests.

The Rocky Mountain Media Watch group recently analyzed five days of late-night news on Denver's three network TV affiliates, and found that 54.5 percent of news time was devoted to crime—as were 11 of 15 lead stories and two-thirds of stories over two minutes. While news shows focused on flashing police lights and yellow crime-scene ribbons, issues like homelessness and poverty weren't even covered.

Last month, the Los Angeles affiliate of the media research group FAIR

monitored a week of local late-night news on seven TV channels. Crime coverage took up half the news on several outlets. Meanwhile, key regional concerns were virtually ignored—such as a primary election for governor and U.S. senator that was only three weeks away.

Bent on filling air time with crime, Los Angeles stations aired the same story on consecutive nights even when there was no "news," and stretched across the country for crime stories—such as a "double execution" in Arkansas and a New Jersey "rampage."

Crimerreporting on L.A. stations rarely "discussed" causes or solutions. Instead, the FAIR survey concluded, it was covered on a "crime-by-crime basis with lots of dramatic visuals." The key seemed to be entertaining footage. When surveillance cameras caught a robbery and shooting at a computer store, that footage was shown over and over.

On L.A.'s most crime-saturated outlet, KCBS, the station's own editorialist denounced "body-bag journalism" for contributing to public hysteria about crime. He asserted that violent crime reporting is "easy to do" and "builds readership and ratings."

In some cities, local news programs have pulled back from sensationalizing crime. KIRO-TV in Seattle has pledged to cut all gratuitous crime coverage from its newscasts. A dozen stations, responding to viewer concerns, have followed the lead of WCCO-TV in Minneapolis by inaugurating "family sensitive newscasts" in the 5 p.m. slot. These broadcasts cover crime and violence—minus the gory visuals.

But the real issue goes deeper than how gory the crime coverage should be. It's whether news is about fostering debate on how to solve the problems of our communities—or about creating spectacles that grab our emotions, but keep us on the sidelines...watching.

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David Nyhan

TV Sports A Poor Role Model

The problem with television is that it's a two-way street.

What you see on the tube is what you get back in social behavior. Behavior that is showcased vividly rebounds off the masses and gets coughed back amplified thousands of times.

That goes for sex. It goes for violence. And it goes for sport. Professional sport. Unsportsmanlike professional sport.

Exhibit A: The National Basketball Association's world championship. The playoffs are always more intense than the workaday regular season. But this year, it's been basketball at its worst. The reigning champs, the Chicago Bulls, were eliminated in their seventh game by the New York Knicks, who practice a form of organized thuggery similar to the treatment that greets say, oh, every ninth passenger who alights at the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan. Wham! Welcome to New Yawk, suckah! The NBA was the marketers' platinum game till this year. The owners grew cash like Jack's beanstalk. Money poured out of the hardwood floors. They had Bird, they had Magic, they had Michael. But, thanks to a bad back, a bad virus and a loss of appetite for the game, the Big Three retired.

And the glories of skill gave way to the gory remnants of skill. Larry Bird's court sense, Magic Johnson's contagious joy, Michael Jordan's gravity-defying leaps and incredible skills were siphoned out of the game.

In came mug ball. Less talented players, themselves earning millions because of the cockeyed contracts in the game, began a pattern of physical intimidation that has crowded out skill players and rewarded goon play.

The same thing happened in professional ice hockey. But then the lords of the rinks discovered they could not sell hockey to warm-weather audiences unless they emphasized skill instead of brutality. The referees were encouraged to banish the roughhouse element. And hockey is making a marginal comeback, though its television revenue is dwarfed by basketball.

The Knicks are coached by Pat Riley, a topnotch court strategist who turned the old Los Angeles Lakers into world champions with a collection of highly skilled veterans. His New York squad is, by contrast, a crew of journeymen surrounding one hard-working superstar, Patrick Ewing, who plays the game hard, clean and as it should be played.

His teammates, however, play like a motorcycle gang. They are butchers who hack and jam and trip and elbow and use every foul tactic to impede the foe. Because New York is the biggest media market, because the league is weak-kneed when it comes to disciplining thuggish players and because the marketers would much rather have New York in the championship final than, say, Houston, the Knicks get away with murder.

They're not the only offenders. The league in general has suffered a lapse in sportsmanship. More brawls, more cheap shots, more vicious hacks. It's, ahem, a trend!

And, ye Gods, it's not just confined to basketball. Brawling is rife in baseball! Alors! For reasons that have much to do with television's two-way message-carrying and aggravated by astronomical salaries that insulate immature and ill-educated players from social norms

of acceptable behavior, baseball has broken out.

There are more bench-clearers, more wooing at the opposition, more threatening behavior. Taunting opponents is rife. Television loves conflict, action and rowdiness. Nothing quiets a barroom buzz like a replay of some ugliness in some arena or ballpark. Wow! Ya see that! In your face, Jack!

This has ramifications that go far beyond sport. Kids soak this up, and replay the behavior and adopt it as their norm. This is why one California jurisdiction this spring felt compelled to ban, for a time, the traditional post-game handshake for high school teams. Too

much cheap talk, leading to too many fights.

The players whose actions are mimicked by millions of aspiring children can send the wrong messages as well as the right ones. Taunting, demeaning and cheap-shotting an opponent are highlighted so often by sportscasters eager to goose rating that youngsters are fed a diet heavily skewed toward dirty play. And that's like moving the sidelines or cheating on the rules; it changes the nature of the game and teaches kids that the outcome can be determined by underhanded acts.

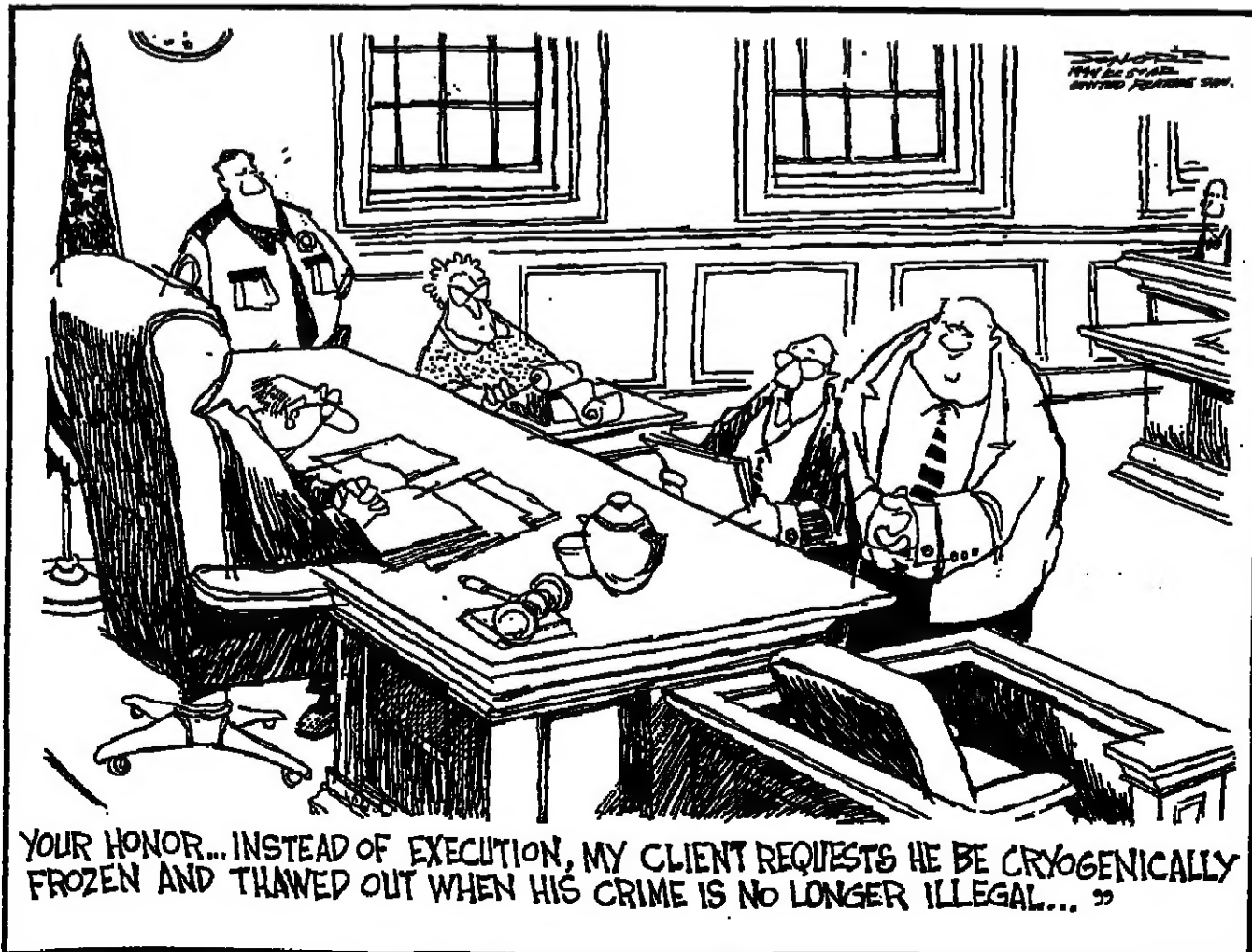
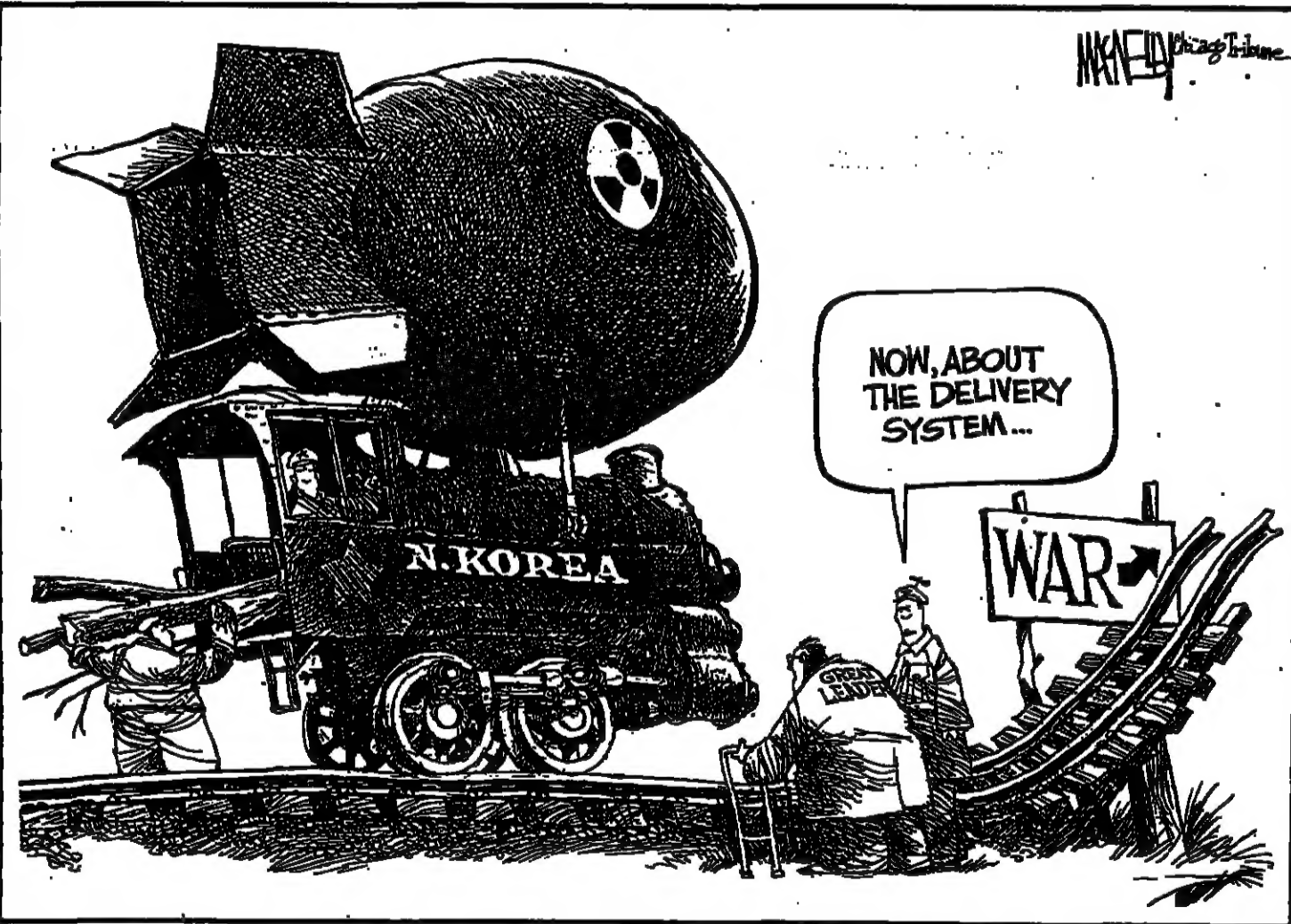
I am not making this up. The examples spawned by professional athletes and

amplified by television become the norms. This filters rapidly down to the grade school level. Coaches have no leeway when it comes to trying to discipline a botheaded young millionaire whose salary is too hefty for him to be set down, benched, suspended or otherwise disciplined.

Owners are too greedy to think of the greater good. Ditto for sports television decision-makers. The Buck rules. The games degenerate. And civilized behavior slips another notch.

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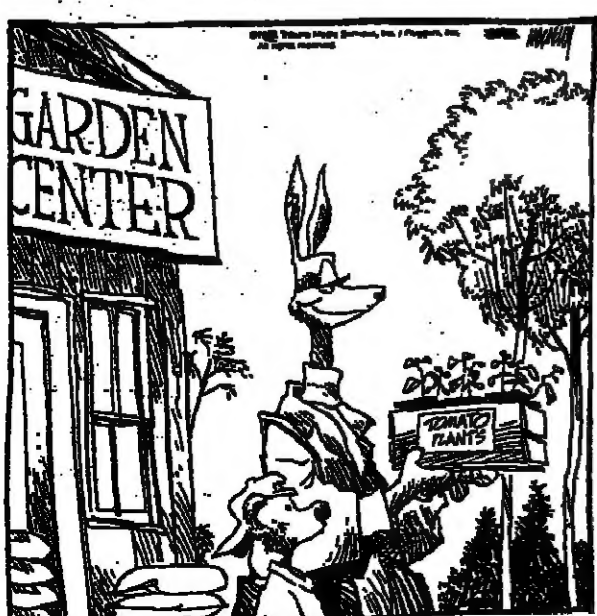
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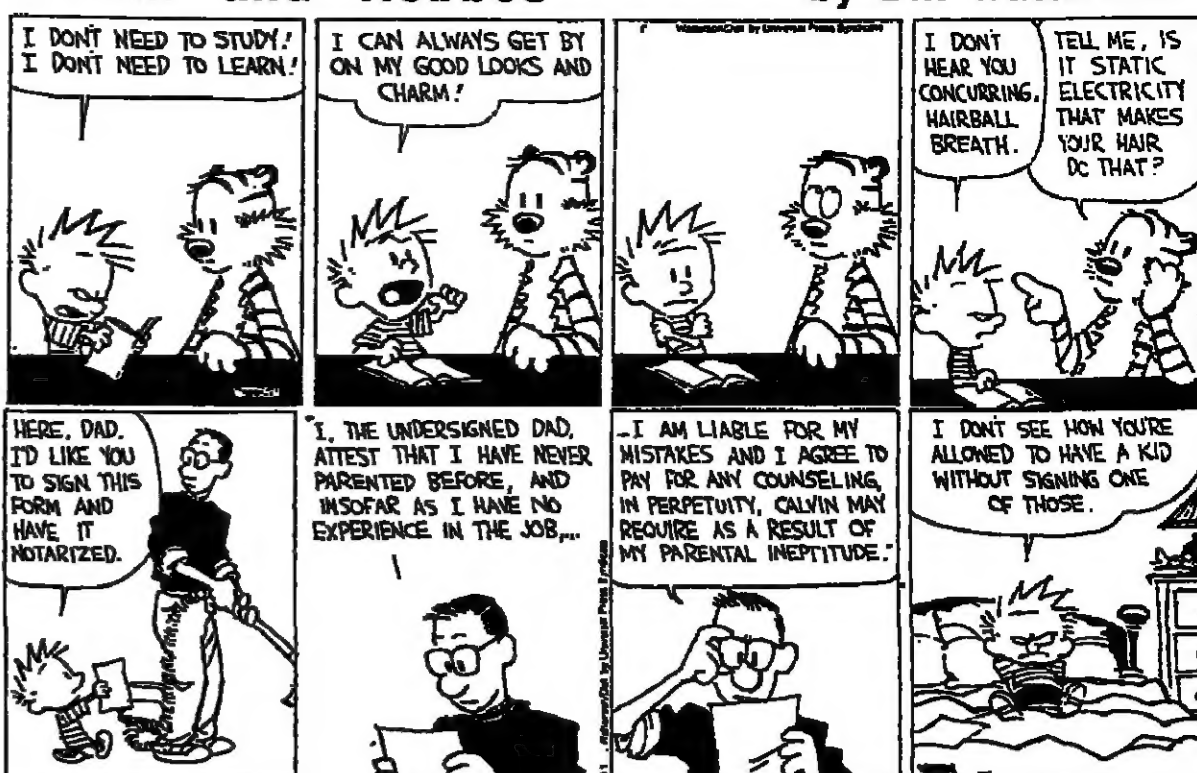
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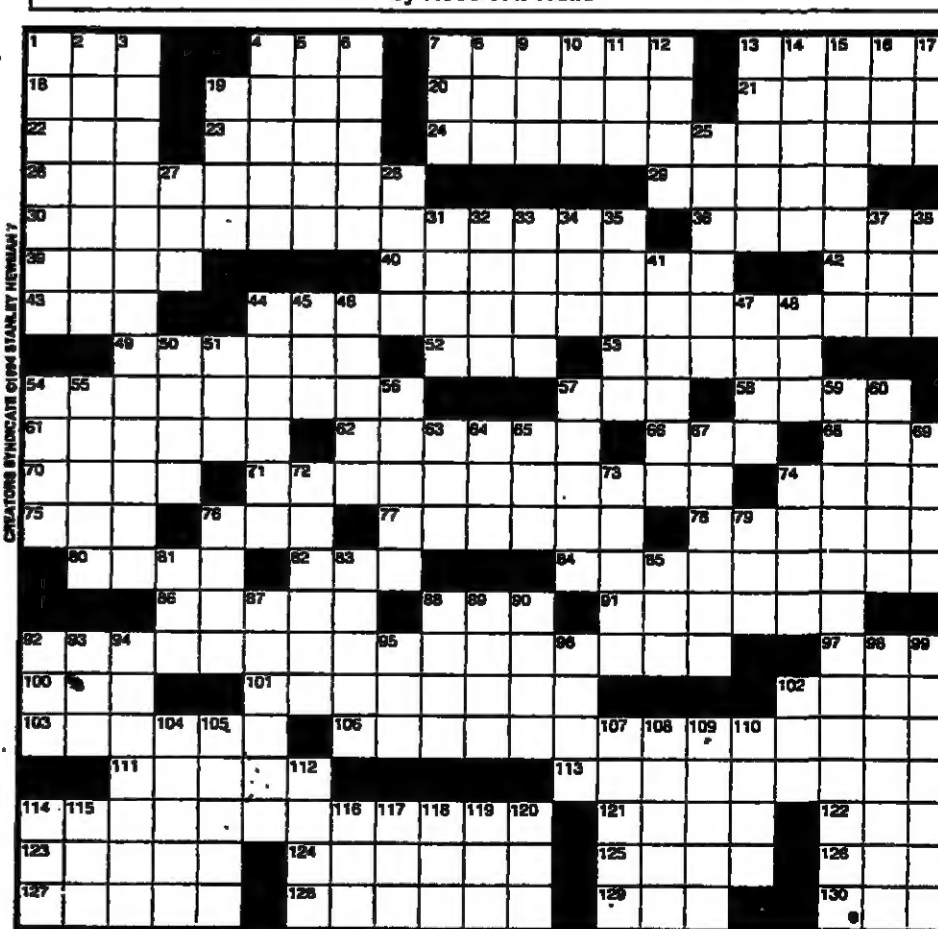


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National poet's nationalism is now out of mode

THERE AND THEN
SHAYLA SHAPIRO

SIXTY years ago Chaim Nachman Bialik, the poet of the Hebrew national renaissance, died in a Vienna clinic shortly after successful gallstone surgery. The date — Tamuz 21, which this year falls on June 30 — is annually remembered in schools and at official functions.

The "national poet" label stuck to Bialik soon after he began publishing his work. In practically every one of his poems he refers to the aspiration for national revival. The theme was manifest in "El Hatzipor" (To the Bird), his first published poem (1892), in which he asks the bird on his windowsill for news from the land of his ancestors.

Even his verse for children bears a patriotic message, writes Dr. Dina Stern in *B'sh'arei Eretz Hagula* (At the Gates of the Land of Relief; Reuven Mass, 168 pp.). In *Melei Midbar* (The People of the Desert), Bialik tells of a clan of rebel Israelites in Sinai who are punished by being forced to remain in a secluded valley because they despaired of conquering Canaan. Stern avers that for Bialik the "people of the desert" will not be rescued until their people, the people of Israel, return to Zion.

Even a seemingly naive, short poem about a squirrel and a nut is allegorical, Stern says, for the little beast is slain before it can eat — a reference to the enemy of the Jew seeking his destruction.

Bialik discovered secular Zionism while studying at the Volozhin yeshiva. He began clandestinely reading forbidden books. He left the yeshiva shortly before the Russian authorities closed it for not allowing Russian studies, and settled in Odessa, a center of Hebrew letters, where he eked out a living by assisting the publisher Ravintzki and going into partnership in a shop selling charcoal. He never considered the possibility of earning a living from his writing.

BIALIK was born in a small town near Zhitomir, Ukraine, in 1873 or 1874 — he himself was not sure. (We are indebted for biographical details to Shlomo Shva's *Hoze Brah or Seer, Rum; Dvir, 412 pp.*) Bialik's father, an unsuccessful merchant, died when the boy was young; his mother sold vodka to coachmen. Chaim Nachman was sent to stay with his grandfather, a well-to-do timber dealer and mill owner. His subsequent education was exclusively religious; whatever he learned of secular subjects was entirely self-taught.

In May, 1903, the shocking news came of a pogrom in Kishinev, leaving 45 dead and hundreds injured. Bialik wrote a poem, "About the Slaughter," Yosef Klausner, editor of a Hebrew periodical in Warsaw, sent the text to Landau, the chief censor of Hebrew literature, in St. Petersburg, who took two months to decide that the poem was publishable, on condition that its title be changed to "Heaven Have Mercy on Me."

Shortly afterwards Bialik was sent to investigate what had happened in Kishinev. He spent five weeks there, recording testimony and taking photographs. The poem that emerged was entitled



In nearly every one of his poems, Bialik refers to the aspiration for national revival. (D. Rubinger)

"At the Site of Massacre." But Landau the censor again objected. The poem should be called "The Nemirov Exhortation," he said, as

if it referred to a similar event 450 years earlier in the city of Nemirov.

Landau also objected to the final strophe in which the poet blasts the Almighty for what happened. Landau had converted to Christianity, to be able to live in

the capital, but considered himself a pious Jew and privately put on tefillin daily. "I can find an excuse to placate the Russians," he explained, "but I cannot face God with blasphemy when I come up for eternal Judgment." Bialik was implacable towards the murderers, but also castigated the victims for failing to resist.

BIALIK first visited Palestine in 1909. He was given a hero's welcome, with young people taking boats out to greet him on his ship. No fewer than 18 speakers praised him at a reception at his hotel.

The poet returned to settle in Tel Aviv in March 1924, this time arriving by train from Alexandria. He immediately became the center of intellectual-spiritual life, conducting Oneg Shabbat meetings at which prominent citizens tackled matters of faith. A hall was built in Rehov Balfour for these meetings.

Because Chaim Weizmann insisted, Bialik went to the US on a fund-raising mission, with Smorzhinskiy Levin. He wrote one poem on this trip, an outpouring of hatred for New York, which he compared to Sodom and Nineveh. Veneration of Bialik resembled a personality cult, to the poet's regret. A discordant note, however, was sounded by a group of young writers who had recently immigrated here from the Soviet Union and were led by the poet Avraham Shlonsky and the essayist Eliezer Steinman. They disparaged Bialik's poetry, personality and political outlook. One cannot escape the impression that politics played a major role in the campaign; for when Tel Aviv celebrated Bialik's 60th birthday, the Communists in the Histadrut castigated him for following the Russian "Black Hundred" antisemitism, whose shameful pursuits included currency forgery, stock manipulation, and so on.

Bialik's style, prompting the nation to action, has become unfashionable, the prevailing trend being "pure" poetry, i.e., personal introspection. A Haim Guri, with his involvement in politics, also finds it hard to be accepted today. It's as if the nation's destiny has ceased to be of primary importance.

Beware the watchman

KISHON'S KEYHOLE
EPHRAIM KISHON

ONE hot evening we decided, Ervinke and I, to have a look at that much-vaunted "Home and Garden" exhibition, which is said to be a great favorite with young and pretty housewives. So we jumped into my car and dashed down to the grounds. I parked in the square in front of the gate and went to buy tickets, while Ervinke leaned against the wall and picked his teeth.

Suddenly a gentleman came up to him and asked: "How much?" "Three shekels," Ervinke said and took the money. But the gentleman did not go away and seemed to be waiting for something. In the end he asked: "Don't you give me a slip of paper?"

"What slip of paper?"

"What do you mean what slip of paper? For my car."

"Oh, that!" Ervinke said. He took out his notebook, tore out a page from it and wrote down the number of the gentleman's car: "T 14948."

The gentleman carefully folded the slip of paper and put it away in his wallet. He only wanted to know why he had to pay three shekels when in front of the swimming pool they took only two shekels for watching a car.

Ervinke replied that he charged three shekels, and if the gentleman didn't like it, he could park his car in front of the swimming pool.

The gentleman went off to the exhibition, his face crimson, while Ervinke stayed on, pondering the possibilities inherent in the situation.

From then on, Ervinke did not wait for the customers to come to him, but whenever a car pulled up, he would hand the person sitting at the wheel, give him a slip of paper on which he had written the number of the vehicle and the date, and say: "Three shekels."

Only one driver, a notorious miser, refused to pay, backed out, and parked his car three kilometers from the gate (just to save three shekels!). Within ten minutes he had used up all the pages in the notebook, so I had to tear up a "Last Warning from the Exe-cution Office," which I happened to have on me, and on these slips of paper Ervinke wrote down the numbers and the date.

When the "Last Warning" fragments had gone, we went into the exhibition and had a friendly chat with the demonstrator of the automatic potato-peeling machine. She wanted to give us her phone number, but we could not find even a piece of confetti to write it on.

By the time we left the exhibition, we had practically forgotten the cars entrusted to our care, when suddenly our first customer popped out of the darkness looking scared to death and waving his slip of paper in our faces. It seemed that somebody had stolen his car. Ervinke checked the paper closely and said:

"T 14948. This gentleman is right. Here are your three shekels."

Ervinke paid him in cash and we flew to Cyprus for the weekend.

Translated by Yohanan Goldman

Creating floating cities is child's play for fifth-graders

ANGELA S. MILLER
HONOLULU

RENOWNED scientist and submarine designer Dr. John P. Craven remembers what it was like to be a kid: a sense of boundless imagination and the feeling that anything is possible in the future.

That's why he has made a fifth-grade class from the Washington Elementary School in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, the engineer and inspiration for his project of the future: floating cities.

Sixty years ago, when Craven was a fifth-grader, he read *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* and became fascinated with Jules Verne's Nautilus, the vessel that could travel under the ocean. "All the adults told me that's magic and fairy tales," he said.

Craven grew up to serve aboard the US Navy's own Nautilus submarine and to investigate US naval accidents around the world. He later helped develop the small, deep-submergence rescue submarines of the Polaris program, featured in author Tom Clancy's novel (and later movie) *The Hunt for Red October*.

Recently, when he began designing another one of his visions — communities that float atop lakes and oceans — he encountered the same adult cynicism.

"All of my peers told me exactly the same thing the adults told me when I was a kid and what they are telling the kids now — that floating cities are a pipe dream."

So Craven decided he needed to find some fifth-graders who still had active imaginations unchecked by the skepticism of adulthood.

"Innovation always starts with the young. Old folks are just not capable of innovating, because innovation requires a fanciful framework," Craven said.

HE CALLS his theory an organic process that spawns in the minds of children and grows with them into their adulthood.

"It's the children in their formative years — eight to 10 years old — who decide what the next generation will do."

But before Craven could find his fifth-graders, the Wauwatosa students found him.

In 1992, after reading a newspaper article about Craven's floating-city models, teacher Mary Weinfurter decided to turn the idea into a class project.

As part of their research into floating cities, each student in the class wrote to Craven at the Uni-

versity of Hawaii, asking him to tell them more about his floating city.

"What would happen if a hole was made in the city? How will you keep it from swaying with the waves? Will these cities be located on the map?" Jesse, Beottcher asked.

"How many dollars do you have to pay for building a city on top of the water?" Mai Xiong asked.

Craven saw in the hand-printed letters the voices of that generation that would bring his dream to life the way he helped give life to Verne's fictional submarine.

He asked the students for their own ideas about floating cities.

Within a month he got back more than 80 floating cities, each made out of "crayons, imagination, understanding and motivation."

Craven compared the ideas with

the designs of renowned architects and engineers. The results, he said, were astonishing.

Amy Ambrosian's crayon-drawn city matched almost perfectly the concentric design of the city of Atlantis described by the ancient Greek philosopher Plato. Craven said she had never heard of Atlantis.

Another young designer put his city on tall poles that kept it above the highest ocean waves, much like the model city the Japanese architect Kiyonori Kikutake made for the 1974 World's Fair in Okinawa.

AMANDA SCHMIDT designed her city as three domed, connected modules with the main city in the center, bracketed by modules for houses and a floating forest complete with birds.

"No floating city designed by

famous architects has birds in it," Craven said.

"But the kids put in birds, and they of course are right."

"The fifth-graders realize, as no professional designer has, that birds, insects and animals are a necessary part of every human city."

Craven went to Wauwatosa to meet with these young visionaries and hear more of their ideas. He is now compiling their drawings and ideas into a book.

He said he hopes to be like Jules Verne, planting intellectual seeds that grow into inventions of the future.

(Associated Press)

US knish mogul means business

MONA Maltz, president of Mrs. Maltz's Knish Company, has thrown down the gauntlet.

By the turn of the century, she vows, knishes will have overtaken bagels as America's favorite Jewish soul food.

The challenge is awesome, for the bagel has established itself as an economical staple in Uncle Sam's diet.

One Los Angeles coffee-shop owner reports that when his Asian customers order an "American breakfast," they mean bagels and cream cheese.

The command post for Mrs. Maltz's campaign is a large commercial kitchen in Redwood City in the San Francisco Bay area.

There, under her supervision, five Hispanic women, who refer to the place as the "knisheria," bake and ship 2,000 knishes each workday to customers throughout the continental US, Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico. That comes to half a million knishes a year.

MALTZ MADE her first knishes from a cookbook recipe for a former New Yorker who sorely missed her native city's traditional Jewish pastry, made of vegetable fillings and handwoven in delicate dough.

Soon Maltz was turning out knishes for small coffee shops, delis and health-food stores in the Bay Area, as well as for bar mitzvahs and weddings at her temple.

As volume grew, she transferred production from her home to rented space in a bakery, then to a commercial kitchen, and finally built her own plant.

The major tactical breakthrough came three years ago, when Maltz, along with her partner Christine Goodman, decided to go into the knish mail-order business, the first of its kind in the world, she claims.

After the knishes are baked, they are instantly frozen and then vacuum-packed into plastic foam containers lined with ice and holding a dozen knishes.

Her advertising campaign emphasizes that a knish is not only the ultimate non-fried fast food,

but each has fewer than 300 calories, no preservatives, is appropriate for breakfast, lunch or dinner, and can be microwaved in 2.5 minutes.

The knishes come in two sizes, regular and mini-sized for hors d'oeuvres, and in five fillings: potato, still the best-seller, kasha (buckwheat groats), veggie combination, broccoli/cheese and spinach/mushroom. The cost is \$28.95 per dozen, including shipment in the US.

Like any budding mogul, Maltz is developing new product lines. Coming up are dessert knishes featuring cheese/cranberry/pineapple, and a second kind filled with cream cheese, chocolate and espresso.

"We may also go into partnership with a company producing lox and smoked white fish," Maltz

says. She already has a name for the combined enterprise, "Knishes and Fishes."

Maltz's kitchen is under rabbinical supervision and all products are kosher.

In another recent advance, all the knish lines, except broccoli/cheese, have been certified pareve, so they can be eaten or cooked by observant Jews with either dairy or meat dishes.

(Associated Press)



Some breeds of dog are more prone to pseudo-pregnancies than others. (Brian Henderson)

The kitten that became a 'puppy'

HEADS 'N' TAILS
D'VORA BEN SHAUL

"I was absolutely dumbfounded," writes a Petah Tikva reader. "I had found a tiny kitten, no more than two or three days old, and was trying to feed and care for it."

"I came into the kitchen one morning, to find the kitten in the basket next to our three-year-old cocker spaniel. She was nuzzling the kitten, and it was suckling from her! She actually had milk in her teats. She has always had shots to prevent estrus, and has never had puppies. What's the explanation?"

Although this sort of thing isn't by any means usual, it's far less rare than one might imagine. Most likely, the adoption of the kitten happened to coincide with a pseudo-pregnancy in the dog.

Such false pregnancies are rare. But in this case, the dog suddenly found she had a "puppy," and her hormones caused her to lactate. This is the easiest explanation. But it isn't the only one. Experi-

ments have shown that some animals — including human females — lactate under the stimulus of parenting.

In one French study of a group of women waiting to adopt babies that were to be born within two or three months, most within half the women were able, by concentration and massage, to induce lactation.

I ONCE had a Great Dane bitch which was neither pregnant nor even showing signs of pseudo-pregnancy. But then one of my Canaan bitches died, just after whelping. At first, the Great Dane licked and nuzzled the pups once I had fed them; but within a few days, she had started to lactate. From then on, she raised all four pups herself.

While much is still unknown about the relationship between emotions and hormones, there is plenty of reason to suspect considerable interplay between them.

We know emotional reactions such as stress and anxiety can alter a woman's menstrual cycle, and that the same forces can affect attempts to conceive. We also know these factors can cause great fluctuations in a man's testosterone level. Other mammals present a problem, because we know so little about their mental states.

Some breeds of dog are more prone to pseudo-pregnancies than others. Smaller breeds usually have them more commonly than larger ones, with the exception of Labradors.

The phenomenon usually passes in a few weeks. The best way to end it is to change the bitch's routine. Take her for a walk in a new place or a trip in the car — anything that will "get her mind off her problems."

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Sports psychologists: 'Learning to lose is key to winning'

SANDRA EVANS

IN Lillehammer, he was pronounced a three-time loser, a choke-artist when it counted most. Four days later, Dan Jansen was proclaimed an Olympic great — all memory of his stunning defeat in the 500-meter race evaporating in the euphoria of his setting a new world record in the 1,000 meter.

Jansen had finally turned lead into gold. The mental alchemy it took to transform a loser's grief into a winning attitude is what made the difference, the mark of the true champion, sports psychologists say. Learning how to lose well, they say, can be the key to winning.

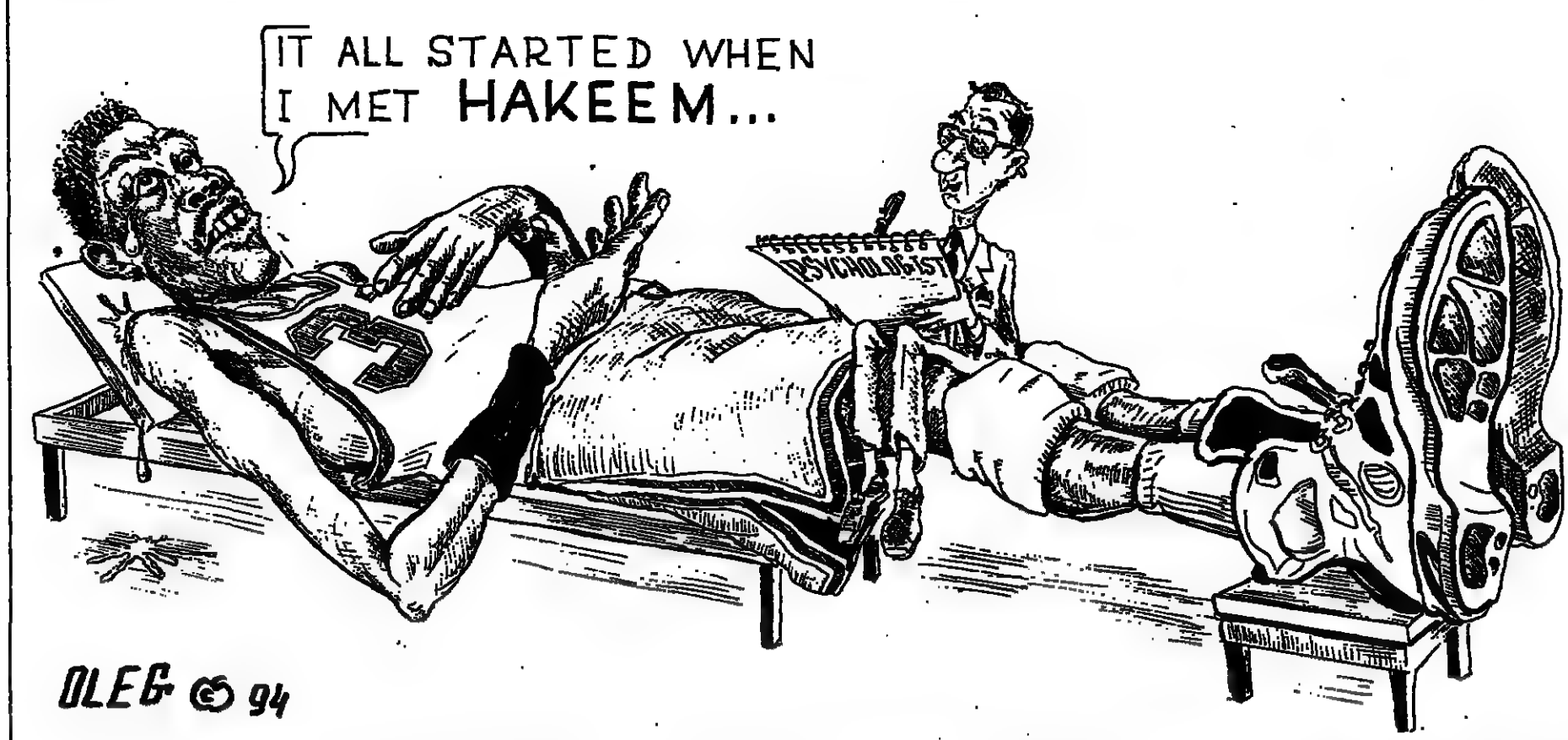
"If you are psychologically strong, you always learn from failure and use it as a springboard for better performance," said Seppo Iso-Ahola, a professor of sports psychology at the University of Maryland. "Don't take a loss as a personal failure or something you can't do. That will be psychologically devastating. Those who are the winners are those who can put losses behind them."

Increasingly, this is not left to chance, as more and more athletes consult professional sports psychologists to learn how to deal with defeat and enhance their performance.

Few doubted Jansen's physical ability going into the Games. It was his mental game they questioned, wondering if the world champion could finally purge himself of his Olympic past, including a crushing defeat in 1988 on the day his sister died of leukemia.

In all, he had competed in three previous Winter Games, favored for the gold in two of them, but had lost and lost again.

Jansen sought the help of a sports psychologist, Jim Loehr of Wesley Chapel, Florida in 1991. For every single day since then, Loehr says, he has monitored 27



variables in Jansen's life — morning pulse, motivation, confidence, time alone, how well he slept, how much fun he was having, how well he expressed his feelings — to assess psychological patterns that would help him do his best. They would go over in detail what he was feeling at each point in his most successful races.

"All of his best races materialized when he was relaxed and peaceful," not pumped up, said Loehr.

"I wanted him in this last race to love the 1,000 and for it to love him," said Loehr. "He had to

postpone that grieving" over the 500 loss. Loehr told Jansen not to give interviews between races. "If he had talked about his disappointment, it would have taken him into a very dark place inside himself. He would also lose the 1,000."

Loehr is a fact of life for athletes, and most Olympians go home without a medal. But if expectations are high, as they were with Jansen and other champions, losing can come as a stunning and humiliating surprise.

"It's harder for athletes who have the pre-Olympic publicity,"

said Sean McCann, a full-time sports psychologist for the US Olympic Committee. "It's portrayed in the press as they failed. They go back and people are saying, 'Oh, gee, I'm sorry, you tried.' McCann says he tries to remind them that 'to be an Olympian is a wonderful success in and of itself.'"

Scott Pengelly, a sports psychologist in Portland, Oregon, said the impact of a major defeat in a high-profile competition like the Olympics can trigger a form of post-traumatic stress disorder, less severe but not unlike the kind suffered from war.

Sports psychologists say they help athletes learn to focus on the task at hand, narrowly and with deep concentration, without letting past defeats or the consequences of the current contest intrude.

"They call it 'getting in the zone,'" said Shane Murphy, a sports psychologist who also works for the US Olympic Committee.

"We have tried to look for personality differences between winners and losers. We can't find any," Murphy said. "Introverts and extroverts are successful."

Emotional and unemotional people are successful. Those with top ability who lose are probably thinking about the wrong thing, he said.

Psychologists use techniques such as visualization and even hypnosis to help athletes focus properly. They might go minutely through their best and worst performances to see what made the difference, physically and mentally at each point.

The psychologist may have the athlete go through a defeat and discuss what he or she was thinking at the time of a crucial mistake.

They also are told to visualize exactly the performance they want to have and put a mental recording of that in their mind as they perform.

When warming up for a critical event, athletes sometimes can be seen doing little routines — perhaps involving deep breathing, shaking muscles out, wiggling their fingers or setting a golf club a certain way — as a cue to help them focus. The routines, in effect, get athletes into a self-hypnotic state, Iso-Ahola said.

"All the great athletes I have ever seen, they have a routine they go through," said Murphy.

Psychologists suggest athletes practice handling mistakes — imagining or acting out the worst thing that can happen — so they will not let them ruin an entire performance. An athlete might recover by taking a deep breath and use a simple verbal cue such as "explode" or "extend" or "snap" — to get refocused during competition, said Jean Williams, an Arizona professor and sports psychologist who is president of the Association for the Advancement of Applied Sports Psychology.

Iso-Ahola said athletes suffering career-end defeats need to be told, "It's still just a game, not your whole life. There are other sources for your identity or your self-esteem."

"It's a uniquely American phenomenon that we have people who reach this incredible level, and if they don't win the whole thing, somehow they lost," said Richard Lapchick, director of Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society.

"Out of great adversity come the greatest triumphs," said Loehr. "As painful as they are, in the right context, mistakes should not be marks of great frailty but of great courage, because these are people who put themselves on the line. That's what it takes to succeed." The Washington Post

Smashnova readies for Wimbledon Sampras seeks 2nd Wimbledon title

HEATHER CHAIT

ANNA Smashnova is riding the crest of a wave.

The 17-year-old Israeli tennis champion, who makes her Wimbledon seniors debut this week, has improved her world ranking from 300 to 65 in the past six months.

Sitting in the familiar surroundings of the Israel Tennis Center in Ramat Hasharon, Smashnova chats animatedly about her Wimbledon prospects.

"I'm a little nervous, but so excited," she says. "Grass may not be my favorite surface but Wimbledon is the biggest tournament with a fantastic atmosphere."

Following her outstanding achievements this year, Smashnova is assured a place in the main draw. "It's a good feeling, not having to play in the qualifying rounds," she says.

Smashnova is no newcomer to the aura surrounding the All England Lawn Tennis Championships. Two years ago, she reached the quarter-finals of Wimbledon's junior tournament. In 1991, the year she became the youngest player to win the French Open junior title, she made the last 16 at Wimbledon.

Of her recent — and biggest — success, beating World No. 3 Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic in the first round of last month's French Open, Smashnova says confidently, "I did what I was supposed to do and it worked." At 1.62m tall, height is not her forte. "My strength is on the baseline, running down every ball and moving my legs," she says. "I'm working on my net play, and my serve also needs to be improved."

In the second round she was defeated by Shaun Stafford of the US. "I didn't play nearly as well. I was tight and couldn't move my legs which are my strong point. I was late for the ball and missed too many shots."

Smashnova began this year's tournaments in Australia with a ranking of 139. After surviving three qualifying rounds of the Australian Open, she entered the main draw, becoming the first Is-



GETTING SET — Anna Smashnova sharpens her skills in preparation for tomorrow's English lawn tennis classic. (Claudette Gilad)

raeli woman to compete in the prestigious event.

She reached the second round where she lost to Elena Likovetna from Kazakhstan, a childhood friend who had partnered Smashnova on the Russian Junior team.

Smashnova's entry into the world's top 100 was registered in New Zealand where she reached the quarter-finals of the \$100,000 New Zealand Open in Auckland. She lost to the top seed, France's Julie Halard.

Smashnova's conversation is refreshingly unpretentious. Flying

around the world and becoming a celebrity have not dimmed her youthful exuberance and she admits openly to weaknesses in her game.

Smashnova attributes her success to her coach for the last 1½ years, American David Cody. "He's done a great job with me," she enthuses. "He's very tough on court and knows how to push me when I need it."

But she needs little coaxing. From the age of six, she was on clay courts in her native Minsk in

Belarus, "just for the sake of doing something."

By 12, she had won the Russian Junior Championships, which she proceeded to defend three times. Two years later, in 1990, she reached the final of the European Junior Championships where she won the doubles title.

In the same year, Smashnova made aliya with her parents, both engineers and her brother, a university student. They are a close-knit family. "They are with me completely and we support each other. They want me to play and to be happy and that's what I'm doing."

Five weeks shy of her 15th birthday in 1991, she upset Argentina's Inés Gorrochategui, seeded fourth, to clinch the French Open Junior title.

When asked if her chances of success would have been greater had she remained in Russia, Smashnova answers assertively, "Definitely not. I've had much more opportunities here."

Smashnova is in her second last year at the American School in Kfar Shmaryahu, with an A average. With tennis and schoolwork as her main pursuits, she has little time for friends. "Maybe I'm missing out but there are sacrifices to be made in pursuing a goal," she says determinedly.

When discussing her earnings, Smashnova's ebullient expression takes on a somber tinge. Until this year, she received no compensation for her matches with the monies going into a company set up to cover her coach, school and travel expenses.

That situation has now changed. As part of an agreement with the Israel Tennis Academy, Smashnova gives a percentage of her winnings to the Academy to pay her costs while keeping the rest for herself. "But it's not much," she says, explaining ardently that her earnings have been slim and the tuition is a major financial drain.

Is she on course with her planned strategy? "I'm not so young, I'll be 18 on July 16. I have no defined schedule. I just play and it happens. I'm just trying to do the best I can."

WIMBLEDON (AP) — Defending champion Pete Sampras wandered over to Wimbledon a few days ago and broke a couple of the All-England Club's cardinal rules in a conspiracy with two heroes of his youth.

Australians Rod Laver and Ken Rosewall were hitting on one of the courts and invited Sampras to join them. He wasn't wearing his tennis sneakers, and Wimbledon does not allow three players on a court. It's either two or four, never three. And Wimbledon takes its rules seriously.

But Sampras couldn't resist, and Laver and Rosewall were glad to sneak him on. And so far, at least, no one at the club is threatening to bar Sampras from opening The Championships tomorrow against Jared Palmer.

"It was quite pleasurable," Sampras said of his brief court time with the Aussies. "Those guys, I always felt, were the class of the game. When I was 13-14, I looked up to them as players and as people."

Twenty-five years ago, two years before Sampras was born, Laver won the Grand Slam of tennis for the second time. No man has done it since.

Sampras saw his Grand Slam dream this year end in the quarters of the French Open. He had won three straight Grand Slam titles — Wimbledon last year, the US

Open, and the Australian Open. The French title would have completed the set of four, even if it wasn't in the same calendar year, and put him halfway toward a legitimate Grand Slam.

Sampras took his French loss hard, brooding for days about the fact that he'd been beaten by Jim Courier. Instead of attacking the net, Sampras held back, hesitating, playing Courier's game.

On grass, Sampras will have no such indecision, and if he can't have the whole Grand Slam this year, he'll gladly settle for the next best thing: a second Wimbledon title and a shot at three out of four.

If the London bookies are right, Sampras should have almost as easy a time repeating as three-time defending women's champ Steffi Graf.

Sampras was installed as a 5-4 favorite by Ladbrokes, a legal sports book, going into the tournament. Fellow American Todd Martin, who recently upset Sampras in the final of the Queen's Club tuneup tournament, was rated far behind in second at 6-1. Former champion Michael Stich was third at 7-1, followed by Courier and Goran Ivanisevic, each at 10-1.

Graf is listed at 4-11 by Ladbrokes, making her the biggest pre-tournament betting favorite since the bookmaker first began

posting odds at the start of the Open era in 1968.

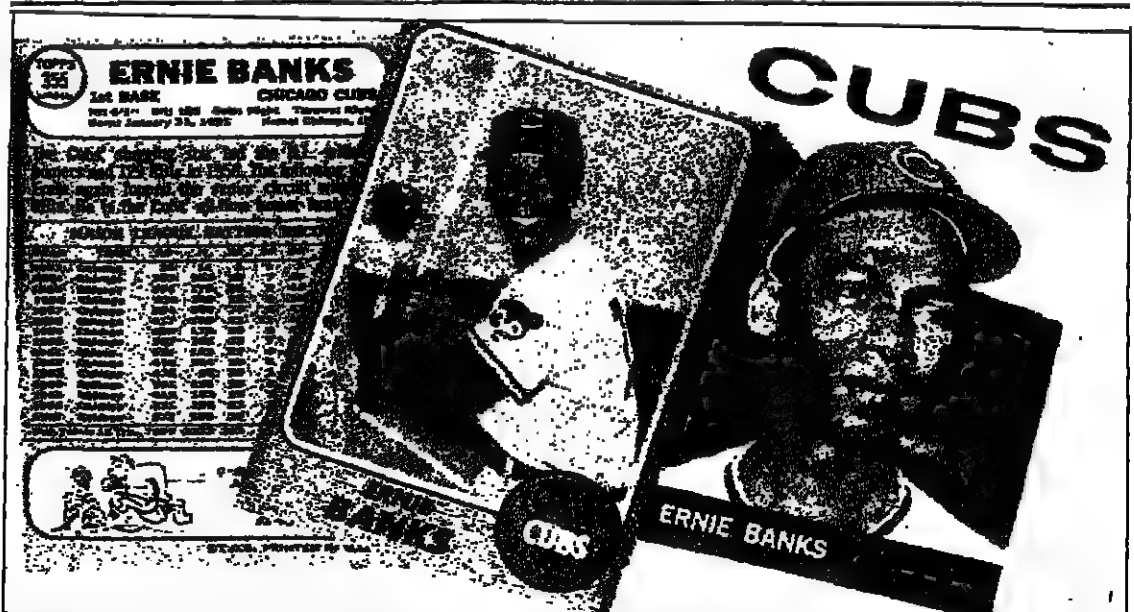
Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, coming off a second victory in the French Open, is listed at 8-1, followed by Jana Novotna at 10-1 and Mary Pierce at 12-1. Martina Navratilova, the nine-time champion playing her last Wimbledon singles at age 37, is listed at 20-1.

A year ago, Sampras wasn't sure he'd even play at Wimbledon. He woke up on the day before it started, his right shoulder aching so much he couldn't lift a toothbrush.

"We really didn't know what caused it, and we still don't," said his coach, Tim Gullikson. "It was a torn muscle in the front of the shoulder. From that morning on, we spent every day, all day, at Roehampton getting treatment on it from the ATP trainers. He had an MRI done on it. He barely practiced before his first-round match. Maybe he hit one or two hours. He didn't know if he was going to play until right before the first match."

"Even during the tournament, he was getting treatment. It got a little aggravated during the tournament, but the trainers did a helluva job and he made it through."

Sampras certainly never looked injured as he blew everyone away with 125 mph serves, a brilliant net game, and baseline winners he'd worked on during his preparation for the French clay.



WHERE HAVE ALL THE ICONS GONE? — Ryne Sandberg, Michael Jordan and Carlton Fisk join Cubs immortal Ernie Banks in Chicago's sporting pantheon.

Chicago losing sports legends

CHICAGO (AP) — Some of the Windy City's top sports legends have bowed out of the limelight in the past year, with baseball great Ryne Sandberg becoming the latest addition. Fans say it's Chicago that's struck out.

Sandberg, the Chicago Cubs second baseman who enlivened many a game at Wrigley Field for 13 seasons, joined the likes of Michael Jordan, the White Sox's Carlton Fisk and the Bears' Michael Singletary and Walter Payton in retirement. Others, like the Bears' Richard Dent and Steve McMichael, have recently left for greener pastures.

Sandberg said he was bowing out because the sport he loved so much had ceased to give him a thrill. Chicago sports fans said the 10-time All-Star did what he felt best — but he'll still be missed.

"He's the last bastion of Chicago's sports greats," lamented Dave Rosenfeld of Chicago. "It's kind of hard to see Sandberg and Jordan leave within a year."

"I think it's a shock to the entire Chicagoland area," Joe Kelley of Chicago said. "It's like, no, you can hardly believe someone else is leaving. It seems

like it's all happening at once."

Some fans felt the seemingly mass exodus of some of the biggest names in the city would do irreversible damage to the sports tradition that Chicago — with two baseball teams, a football, basketball and hockey team — is known for.

"It will hurt the city for sure," said Alexis Eiseman of Chicago. "There are some people who ARE the team, not just players ON the team. I think a lot of people go to the games just to see those people."

Others disagreed. "If you like the Bulls, you like the Bulls," said Eiseman's friend, Debbie Kail of suburban Highland Park. "And Cubs games are always packed even though the team sucks. I don't think people go for just one player."

And even if they did, Kelley said, there always are other players who can step up to fill the void.

"I mean, look at Scottie Pippen," Kelley said. "He was there for the Bulls, as was Horace Grant. We still have other players who do a great job."

"There's always going to be someone who's going to get the job done."

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Last-minute goal gives S. Korea surprise draw with 10-man Spain

Germany opens Cup defense with 1-0 win over Bolivia

DALLAS (Reuters) Substituted midfielder Seo Jung-won struck a last-minute goal to earn South Korea their greatest World Cup result with a dramatic 2-2 draw against 10-man Spain on Friday at the Cotton Bowl.

The Koreans were trailing 2-0 with six minutes left when strikes by veteran sweeper Hong Myung-bo and Seo produced the sensational upset in the group C match.

Spain looked to have escaped from the disaster of having captain Miguel Angel Nadal dismissed in the 25th minute when they scored twice in five minutes just after halftime through Jose Salinas and Juan Goikoetxea.

But South Korea's 200-1 rank outsiders, far more talented than in Italy four years ago, refused to give up and Hong set up an astounding finale when he pulled a goal back in the 84th minute with a long-range piledriver.

Even then a tiring Spain, sapped by 30°C temperatures looked destined for three points when defender Rafael Alkorta robbed Seo of the ball in the penalty box with the goal at his mercy.

But four minutes later Seo sent the huge Korean contingent in the Cotton Bowl crazy when he picked up a ball laid back by Hong and blasted it into the net with seconds left.

The Korean players raced over to their fans after securing only their second draw in eight World Cup finals games.

The disbelieving Spaniards trooped off with their heads bowed.

Germany 1, Bolivia 0

Also on Friday, Jurgen Klinsmann, star striker of Germany's 1990 World Cup triumph, gave the defending

champions a perfect start to their 1994 campaign by scoring the winner in the opening match at Chicago's Soldier Field.

The Monaco player slid the ball home in the 60th minute of the opening match after midfielder Thomas Haessler had chipped a long pass from captain Lothar Matthaus into his path just outside the penalty area.

The Germans, fielding seven players from the team which contested the 1990 final against Argentina, had to work hard for their victory against a Bolivian side who looked dangerous on the counter attack.

But Bert Vogts' team kept their patience in blistering heat to become the first holders to win the opening match since the tradition of the World Cup winners starting the tournament was introduced in 1974.

The Germans, competing in their first World Cup finals for 44 years, disgraced themselves in the 83rd minute when Marco Etcheverry was sent off only three minutes after coming on as a substitute. The Bolivian playmaker pushed Matthaus.

Midfielder Erwin Sanchez was a major danger to Germany, especially with two long-range shots in the first half which goalkeeper Bodo Illgner did well to save.

The Germans needed a bit of luck with their goal. Bolivian goalkeeper Carlos Trucco made a mistake in rushing out of the area to take on Haessler, only to be left for dead when the diminutive midfielder chipped the ball to Klinsmann.

USA 1, Switzerland 1
USA forward Eric Wynalda scored a magnificent free-kick from 25 meters out to earn a fully deserved draw in a Group A match in Pontiac Michigan's Silverdome yesterday.

With just seconds left before halftime in the first World Cup match played indoors, Wynalda stepped up and hammered the ball over the wall and into the net via the underside of the crossbar.

Switzerland wasted a glorious chance to win the game in the 83rd minute when midfielder Christophe Ohler sidefooted wide from eight meters out with the goal at his mercy.

The Swiss had taken the lead in the 39th minute with another superb free-kick. Georges Brogy curling the ball over the wall and USA goalkeeper



SHARP SHOOTER - Substitute Seo Jung Won of South Korea celebrates last-minute equalizer against favored Spain. (AP)

Tony Meola from the edge of the area after Alain Suter had been fouled. The goal was due reward for the Swiss at that stage. But they faded in the second half as the heat and humidity in the Silverdome took their toll. The Swiss also badly missed forward Adrian Kump, ruled out before the start with an ankle injury. Despite the loud bocking from most of the 77,000 fans in the stadium, the USA started out nervously as befitted their position as underdogs.

World Cup at a Glance

Yesterday's results:
Group A - Switzerland 1, USA 1 (Detroit)
Friday's results:
C - Germany 1, Bolivia 0 (Chicago)
D - Spain 2, South Korea 2 (Dallas)
Last night's scheduled games:
A - Colombia-Romania (LA)
B - Italy-Ireland (NY)
Today's games:
E - Cameroon-Sweden (LA)
F - Norway-Mexico (Wash., DC)
G - Belgium-Morocco (Orlando)

Knicks take 3-2 series lead

NEW YORK (AP) - A revived Patrick Ewing kept New York in the game, then John Starks and Derek Harper won it. And the Knicks moved a win away from their first title in 21 years.

New York blew a 13-point, third-quarter lead but rallied with an 11-1 run in the last three minutes for a 91-84 victory Friday night and a 3-2 lead over the Houston Rockets in the Finals.

New York can become the fifth team in six years to win the title on the road tonight in Houston. The game is scheduled to be shown live on Channel 2 at 2:00 tomorrow morning. A seventh game, if necessary, would be in Houston on Wednesday night.

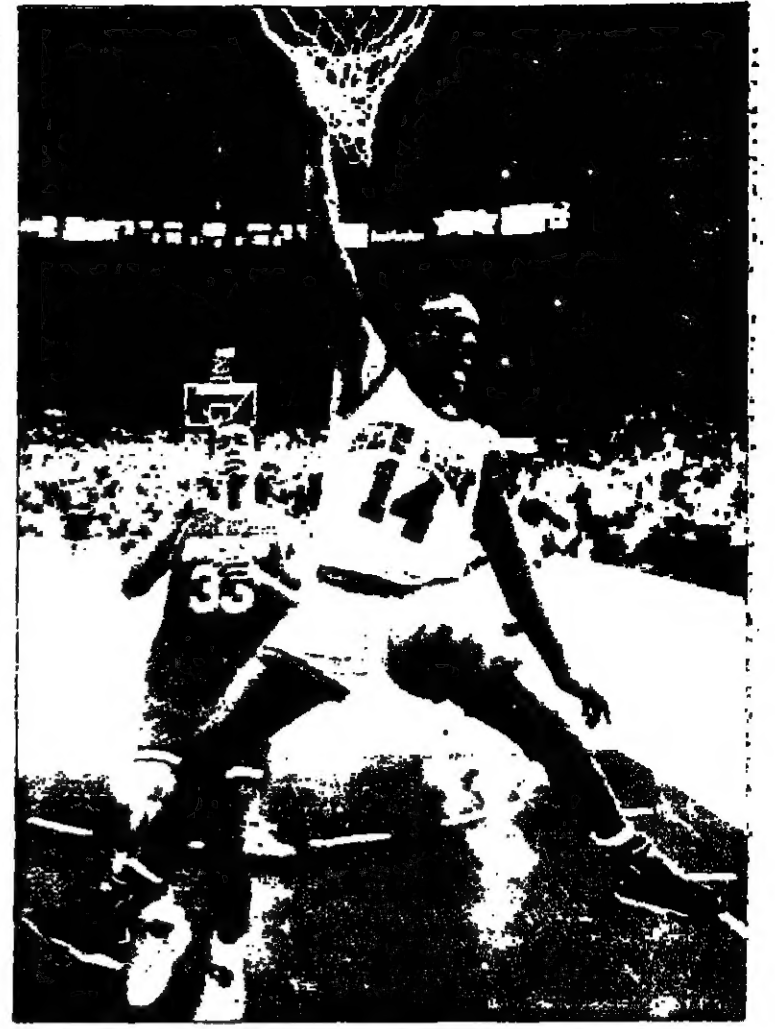
The Rockets rallied from a 56-43 deficit with a 22-5 spurt that gave them a 65-61 lead two minutes into the fourth quarter. But Ewing, who had 13 of the Knicks' first 26 points in the second half, got six straight New York points to tie the game at 69 with 8:02 to play.

Ewing had 25 points, 12 rebounds and eight blocks for the Knicks, who made 16 of 19 foul shots. Hakeem Olajuwon had 27 points for the Rockets.

With the Rockets on top 79-76, Starks hit a basket with 4:09 to play. Vernon Maxwell's free throw gave Houston an 80-78 lead. But then Starks hit a 3-pointer. Harper followed with two foul shots and a lead pass to Anthony Mason for a dunk that put the Knicks in front 85-80 with 1:25 to play.

With 45 seconds left and a chance to pull within four, Olajuwon missed a short baseline jumper and the Rockets missed three consecutive tip-in attempts. After the Knicks won a jump ball, Mason made two foul shots with 28.8 seconds left to wrap up the victory.

It was the first time either team won two straight games in the se-



HANGING TEN - Knicks Anthony Mason dunks the ball as Houston's Otis Thorpe looks on helplessly. (AP)

ries. It also was the first time neither team reached 100 points in any of the first five finals games since the introduction of the shot clock in 1954-55.

And both teams had a shot at records for fewest points per game in a six-game series (no. 86.7) and a seven-game series (now 88.6).

The Rockets are 8-3 at home in the playoffs, while New York is 3-7 on the road. But four of the last five championships were won on the road. And nine of the last 10 teams to take 3-2 leads captured the title. Eight of those series ended in six games.

New York pushed the lead to 56-43 with 6:51 left in the third quarter. Then the Rockets charged back, outscoring the Knicks 18-5 the rest of the quarter and tying the score at 61.

Olajuwon led the comeback with eight points, including two jumpers in the last 49 seconds that completed a 14-2 surge. This followed Ewing's 3-pointer with 6:01 remaining made the score 59-47.

Ewing, who missed 20 shots in each of the last two games, and Mason, who had 30 points in the first four games, each scored 12 in the half. Ewing led all rebounders with seven and Mason had six.

Masoubi saves Hapoel Haifa

DEREK FATTAL

NATIONAL League strugglers Hapoel Haifa avoided relegation by defeating second division Shimshon Tel Aviv 3-0 on Friday in the final playoff match between the clubs. Haifa's decisive victory, in the season's last game, secures it a place in the top flight next season, with a 3-1 win on aggregate.

The victory now allows business magnate Robby Shapira to press ahead with plans to turn the floundering Haifa outfit into one of the country's top teams through a massive injection of cash. Shapira has already lined up transfer deals which could bring Tal Ben-Haim back to Israel from Cannes and Reuven Atar from league champions Maccabi Haifa.

Despite the promise of a bright future, Hapoel fans watching the game at Ramat Gan's National Stadium were still gritting their teeth at halftime, as Shimshon looked the better side in the first period, with the added luxury of the 1-0 lead from the first face-off.

The revival in Hapoel's fortunes came courtesy of veteran striker Nesach Masoubi, who scored twice and made a third in a stirring personal performance.

Two minutes after the restart, Masoubi was first to the ball following a goalmouth tussle in the Shimshon box. As the Tel Aviv players struggled to clear, Masoubi hammered the ball home to tie the match on aggregate.

Ten minutes later Masoubi tore through midfield on the right, beating three players. He passed to Hisham Zuabi who then sent a carefully placed ball to the far post for Danny Niron to slot in.

The final goal came in the 88th minute as Eran Cohen surged forward, then laid the ball to Masoubi. Unmarked at the edge of the area, Masoubi drilled the ball beyond the Shimshon 'keeper to seal the result.

Masoubi celebrated the goal with his trademark, an athletic somersault. Haifa fans will be hoping for a similar head-over-heels turnaround for the club when the new campaign gets underway.

Win sets Tribe on record path

CLEVELAND (AP) - The Cleveland Indians tied a 43-year-old franchise record with their 16th straight home victory Friday night, beating the slumping Boston Red Sox 8-1 behind the strong pitching of Dennis Martinez.

The Indians' streak at Jacobs Field is the best in the majors since Boston won a record 24 in a row at Fenway Park in 1988. Cleveland won 16 straight at Cleveland Stadium in 1951.

The Indians have won seven in a row overall while the Red Sox dropped their ninth straight - their first nine-game skid since 1977.

Melvin 5, Royals 1
Ken Griffey hit his 30th homer of the season, Edgar Martinez added a three-run shot and Dave Fleming snapped a

personal five-game losing streak for visiting Seattle.

Griffey's homer enabled him to match Babe Ruth's mark for most home runs scored June 30. Ruth hit 30 by that date in both 1928 and 1930, finishing with 54 in 1928 and 49 two years later.

Brewers 8, Yankees 1
Cal Eldred pitched a three-hitter and put Paul O'Neill below .400 for the first time this season.

Dave Nilsson hit a grand slam for visiting Milwaukee, but Eldred (7-7) was the main star. He pitched his third complete game in 15 starts, walked three and struck out none.

O'Neill was hitless in four at bats, dropping his average to .397.

Orioles 9, Twins 2
Ben McDonald won his 10th game as host Baltimore ended seven-game winning streaks by the Twins and pitcher Kevin Tapani.

FRIDAY'S AL RESULTS:
Milwaukee 8, New York 1
Cleveland 8, Boston 1
Toronto 7, Detroit 4
Baltimore 9, Minnesota 2
Seattle 5, Kansas City 1
California 5, Chicago 3
Oakland 4, Texas 2

THURSDAY'S AL RESULTS:
Milwaukee 5, Detroit 4
Cleveland 7, Boston 6
New York 6, Baltimore 1
California 5, Chicago 3 (10)
Kansas City 4, Seattle 1
Oakland 6, Texas 4
Only games scheduled.

FRIDAY'S NL RESULTS:
Philadelphia 18, Montreal 8
Houston 6, San Francisco 5
Pittsburgh 7, St. Louis 4
San Diego 3, Houston 2
San Francisco 6, Chicago 1
Colorado 13, Los Angeles 5
Only games scheduled.

THURSDAY'S NL RESULTS:
Atlanta 11, Colorado 8
Houston 6, San Francisco 3
San Diego 7, Chicago 1
Florida 4, New York 2
Pittsburgh 7, St. Louis 5 (10)
Only games scheduled.

The Sports Pages are edited by Joe Hoffman

Buffalo fans lose faith in O.J. after former NFL star flees

BUFFALO (AP) - Buffalo fans have a long history of supporting O.J. Simpson.

They backed him when his NFL career started slowly, and again when he was demanded to be traded and got his wish. Even after Los Angeles police filed murder charges against him, Bills fans stayed behind the man known as "Juice."

But the support finally ended when the biggest sports hero in this city's history became a fugitive. Yesterday, a day after Simpson was apprehended, it began to sink in.

"When he didn't turn himself in, I couldn't figure it out. It didn't make sense to me," said Henry Jarosz. "He was a great football player. Unfortunately, he was a god with feet of clay."

The mood changed from shock to sadness as fans tried to reconcile the O.J. they knew with the one they watched lead police on a bizarre chase down the Los Angeles freeways on Friday night.

Some still hoped things would turn out well for the Bills' only Hall of Famer, who has denied any involvement in the deaths of his wife and her friend. But for most, the 25-year love affair was over.

"Cookie Gilchrist (a former Bills running back) was better than O.J. was," said one old-timer in downtown Buffalo, uttering words that would have been blasphemous a week ago.

"I think there's a sense of loss among people here," said Larry Snider. "I worshipped him, as a football player."

Callers to radio shows were debating whether Simpson's name should be removed from the team's Wall of Fame if he is convicted of the murders. The team,

Kiwis put the boot in

LONDON (AP) - New Zealand pounced yesterday to have England all out for 281, still 195 runs behind at the end of the third day of the second test at Lord's.

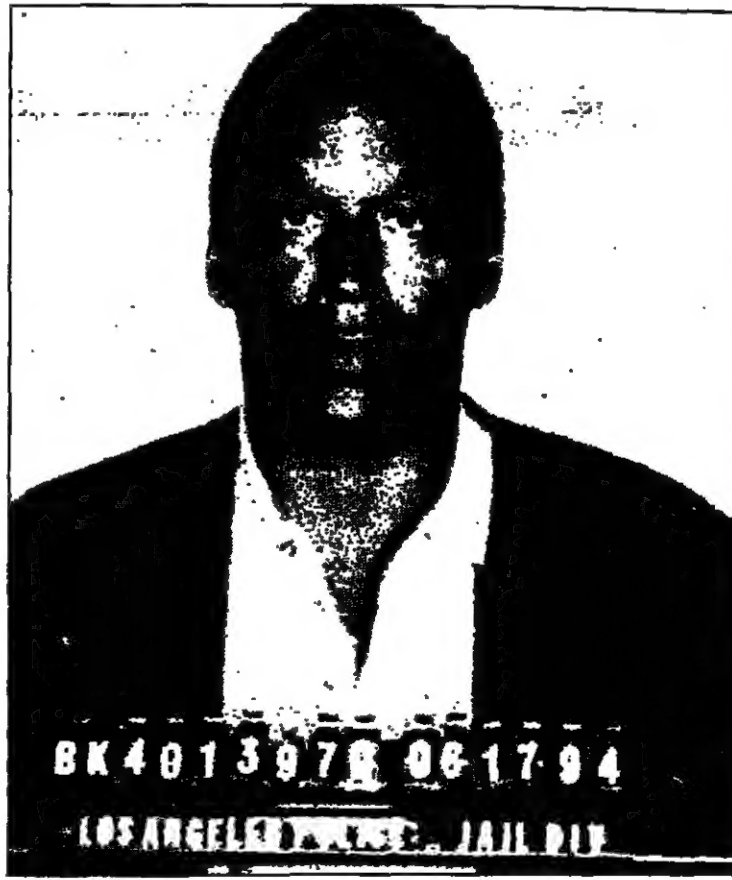
The tourists had England crashing as soon as play resumed and took three wickets in the first 20 minutes to send them from 94 for one to 101 for four.

Dion Nash complemented his fine half century on Friday to take the prized wicket of Graham Gooch for 13 in the first over of the day, and finish with superb figures of six for 76.

Nash got the first ball Gooch faced to nip back slightly which the master batsman misjudged, offering no shot and was caught leg before all three wickets.

Off-spinner Matthew Hogg followed in the next over by trapping England captain Mike Atherton on the back foot in front of leg stump to also go leg before wicket.

Atherton said earlier that England was going to put the boot in and go on to win the series 3-0, but the boot was wedged firmly in his mouth after only 23 balls.



MUG SHOT - Former football great O.J. Simpson after his arrest on two counts of murder.

however, said it had no plans to do so.

At the University of Southern California, people flocked to Heritage Hall at the heart of the red-brick campus, where the relics of USC's sports heroes are enshrined. Prominent among the bronze busts and displays are Simpson's cardinal-and-gold jersey with the famous No. 32 and his 1968 Heisman Trophy.

Elsewhere around the country, the prevailing reaction was disbelief.

"I've been praying that he had no involvement. I've never stopped praying that he didn't do it. But if he did, then he has to be held accountable," said former Los Angeles Lakers star Magic Johnson, who met Simpson shortly after moving to Los Angeles in 1979.

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Geri wins Sharrow golf tourney

STEVE WEIL

OREN Geri won the Sam Sharrow Memorial Tournament for single-figure handicappers over 72 holes at the Cuesura Golf Course.

Geri led through all four rounds with an excellent 74 on the last day to finish on 309. Neil Shochet with a 77, managed 316 to take second. Per Lund recorded the tournament's best score, a last-round 73 to take third overall and to win the best net of the tournament.

In the better ball stableford, the team of Aryeh Gersano and Assad Balenoro won with 44 points. Husband and wife Danny and Michal Ronen finished in second with 44 but with an inferior back nine.

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INFLATION WORRIES SHOW IN TRADING

WALL STREET REPORT

New York market indexes	
	Change
DJ Industrial	-37.78
DJ Composite	-37.78
NYSE Index	-11.21
NYSE Transact	-11.21
NYSE Volume	1,113.34
NYSE High	1,113.34
NYSE Low	1,113.34
NYSE Close	1,113.34

Other stock market indexes

FTSE 100	
	Change
FTSE 100	-13.05
FTSE 100 High	1,113.34
FTSE 100 Low	1,113.34
FTSE 100 Close	1,113.34

Israeli stocks in NY

NYSE / AMEX	
	Change
Ami	-0.12
Ami A	-0.12
Ami B	-0.12
Ami C	-0.12
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Rebound after a swoon

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street strategists may be preaching gloom and doom but the stock market isn't paying much attention.

After dropping 9 percent earlier this year amid worry about inflation and rising interest rates, the market has quietly risen more than 5 percent since its near-term bottom in early April — even with its sharp decline on Friday.

A number of Wall Streeters and market forecasters have said they foresee a significantly deeper sell-off to come. But that doesn't explain the market's rebound from its spring swoon.

"Despite evidence to the contrary, most people would be inclined to say it has been a bad period," said Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer, First Albany Corp.

Part of the reason has been the focus on troubling issues such as the four moves by the Federal Reserve so far this year to nudge interest rates higher in an attempt to forestall inflation.

In recent days, several government reports have shown economic growth may be slowing. This past week, reports on retail sales and industrial production were softer than the fourth quarter last year or first quarter of 1994.

"The market gurus and strategists have a lot to get their teeth

INFLATION WORRIES SHOW IN TRADING

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks weakened in heavy trading Friday as inflation worries hit the market amid the quarterly expirations of options and futures contracts.

Stocks started the day with an only slightly negative bias but then headed firmly lower as bond prices headed downward, pushing up credit market interest rates, which move in the opposite direction.

Bond prices were lower, pushing up interest rates as commodity and precious metal prices rose and the dollar dropped sharply on foreign exchange markets.

Stock investors fear rising interest rates because that increases the cost of money to corporations and makes share prices less attractive relative to interest-bearing investments.

A falling dollar makes imports more expensive, which increases inflation down the road. Bond investors particularly dislike inflation, which erodes the value of fixed-income securities such as bonds.

Contributing to today's volatility and the heavy volume were the so-called "triple witching" expirations, which occur at the open and close of trading.

These quarterly expirations of stock-index futures, stock-index options and options on individual stocks mean many market participants must realign their portfolios, which typically leads to volatility in prices.

Stocks ended mostly lower abroad. While in Tokyo, the 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average rose 0.6 percent, in London, the Financial Times Stock Exchange 100-share index lost 0.2 percent.

Stocks fell 0.2 percent in Frankfurt and 0.4 percent in Paris.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks fell 34.56 points to 3,776.78.

Declining issues outnumbered advances by about 13 to 7 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 763 up, 1,429 down and 636 unchanged.

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FTSE down 7.2

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON — U.K. shares ended lower after bond falls eroded earlier gains amid renewed US inflation fears prompted by higher commodity prices and the weak dollar. The FTSE 100 finished down 7.2 points at 3,022.9, a fall of 33 points since last Friday.

FRANKFURT — German share prices dropped from intraday highs to close largely steady on the day following the expiry of DAX options in late session. The DAX index ended at 2,050.72, down 0.20 percent or 4.19 points. This gave a total of 82.36 for the week.

PARIS — French shares had lost the moderate gains chalked up in early trade by the close as bonds fell in sympathy with the US market and Wall Street stocks headed lower. The CAC 40 index closed down 6.86 at 1,935.95, down 84.77 on the week.

ZURICH — Swiss shares ended lower, hit by volatile bond futures.

Dealers said the market extended losses in afternoon trading when bond futures eased below Thursday's close. The all-share SPI ended at 1,741.23, down 18.52 points from Thursday and 69.1 points from last Friday's 1,810.33.

TOKYO — Tenacious demand for smaller-capital stocks with prospects of a dramatic turnaround in earnings fueled Tokyo stocks to close with healthy gains.

The Nikkei average ended ahead 135.83 points or 0.64 percent at 21,503.30, up 108.12 since last Friday's close.

HONG KONG — Shares closed higher, buoyed by a late round of bargain hunting and arbitrage-related buying. The Hang Seng index closed up 91.04 points, or 1.01 percent, at 9,113.96, down 2.8 on last Friday's close.

Dollar slides, gold rallies

CURRENCY REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) — The US dollar's slide worsened Friday as the currency hit an eight-month low against the German mark and the weakest level against the Swiss franc in 1-1/2 years. Gold prices surged more than \$6 an ounce.

The latest drop in the dollar didn't appear based on any news or economic data but it also spooked other financial markets, pulling down bond and stock prices in the United States.

Traders said the currency's weakness reflected a foreign exchange market test to see how far the dollar must fall before the Clinton administration will support it.

Analysts said the market is doubting the strength of the US economy and the administration's currency policies, while focusing on gaps between German and American interest rates that are pulling capital away from the United States and causing the dollar to weaken.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

Patrah (foreign currency deposit rates) (18.6.94)

Currency (deposit rate) 3 MONTHS 6 MONTHS 12 MONTHS

US dollar (100,000) 2.500 2.750 4.175

German mark (DM 200,000) 2.500 2.750 4.175

Swiss franc (CHF 200,000) 2.500 2.750 4.175

Yen (10 million yen) 0.500 0.625 0.675

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Lebanese woman killed in SLA shelling

A LEBANESE woman was killed and two teenage sisters were wounded as a result of South Lebanese Army shelling of a village north of the security zone on Friday.

Reports from Lebanon said the woman, aged 45, was killed as a result of mortar and tank fire, as she was running towards her home in Kabrikha village, north of the zone.

The sisters, aged 16 and 17, were on the outskirts of the village and were wounded by mortar shells and machine gun fire from SLA positions.

UNIFIL spokesman Timur

Goksel said the shooting also caused widespread fires in the area, and troops with fire-fighting equipment were sent to the scene to help douse the flames.

Goksel said the fire-fighting teams from all units of the international peace-keeping force fought for several hours to bring the flames under control.

UNIFIL commander Maj.-Gen. T. Furuhoide last night protested to the IDF's foreign forces liaison unit over the SLA shooting towards the villages.

The IDF and the SLA command is investigating the incident and the circumstances that led up to

DAVID RUDGE

the SLA shooting towards Kabrikha and nearby Toulun villages.

Under the understandings reached at the end of Operation Accountability last summer, it was agreed that IDF and SLA gunners would not fire towards villages — provided Hizbullah or other organizations did not use civilian areas as cover for launching attacks — and there would be no firing of Katyusha rockets into Israel.

The SLA shooting was in response to a long-range attack on a SLA position in the Kantara re-

gion. There were no casualties among the troops manning the post.

There were also reports yesterday of extensive flights by IAF warplanes over parts of Lebanon during the weekend. The reports from Lebanon said planes broke the sound barrier in the early hours of yesterday morning, causing concern among villagers.

In Damascus, a government-run newspaper said yesterday that escalated Israeli aggression in southern Lebanon is a futile effort to drag Lebanon into a unilateral accord divorced from Syria's peace

efforts.

"The Israeli aggression aims to worsen matters in the region, embarrass the internal Lebanese situation, get Lebanon away from Syria and bear down on it to sign a peace deal with the Jewish state," said *Al-Thawra* daily. "Any attempt to get Lebanon away from Syria will be doomed to failure."

Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who was expected to visit the region this week to move the Syria-Israel talks along, is probably not going to make the trip, officials here said, since the US does not believe there is much chance for progress at this time.

Algerian human rights chief murdered

TUNIS (Reuters) — Suspected Moslem fundamentalists, in a daylight attack in central Algiers yesterday, killed Youssef Fathalla, the head of a human rights group.

State radio, monitored in Tunis, said Fathalla, who was also a lawyer, was shot dead inside his office in Place Emir Abdelkader, one of the busiest commercial areas in the Algerian capital.

The Algerian League of Human Rights is one of two such groups in the north African country whose security forces have been battling armed Moslem militants for the past two and a half years.

Fathalla's organization was considered to be closer to the authorities than the other rights group, the Algerian League for the Defense of Human Rights.

Fathalla, 64, was at least the fourth lawyer to be killed since April 17.

The radio, reporting another attack, said that a family of three was killed inside their home in Ain

Defla province, some 120 kilometers southwest of Algiers. The three were a 73-year-old man, his wife and their son, aged 30.

The radio said the killing took place after that of another family on Friday, a reference to the murder of a retired gendarme's nine-year-old daughter, his wife and son, 23, by unidentified assailants who slit their throats.

The former gendarme, another son and his eight-year-old daughter were also slashed in the throat but survived, Algeria's official news agency APS said.

Their house, in El Hachmia, in Bouira province, 90 km. southeast of the capital Algiers, was located just 50 meters from the local gendarmerie and 100 meters from a military barracks.

Many members of Algeria's security forces, and some of their relatives, have previously been murdered in attacks usually blamed by officials on Moslem fundamentalists.

Documentary reveals historic spy tale

LIAT COLLINS

VICTOR Grayewski returns tonight to the scene of what *The Washington Post* recently called "the leak of the century" in a television documentary.

Grayewski is the man who succeeded in leaking former Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev's speech at the 1956 20th Soviet Convention in which he listed Stalin's crimes against the people.

Grayewski's story, "The spy who returned to the cold," will be shown tonight on ITV's Channel 1 at 9 p.m.

The program marks the first time many of those involved in the case have talked about the incident, which rocked the Communist world in the late 1950s and put Israel on the international espionage map for the first time.

Grayewski, a Polish Zionist journalist, found the speech lying on a table in his girlfriend's office and leaked the entire document to the Israeli Embassy in Warsaw in an operation whose details have only just been released.

The Israelis forwarded the material to the CIA, which had been struggling to find a way of authenticating rumors of the speech and its sensational disclosures about Stalin.

When producers Yarin Kimor and Zvi Lidar started to record the story, they didn't have to look far for Grayewski.

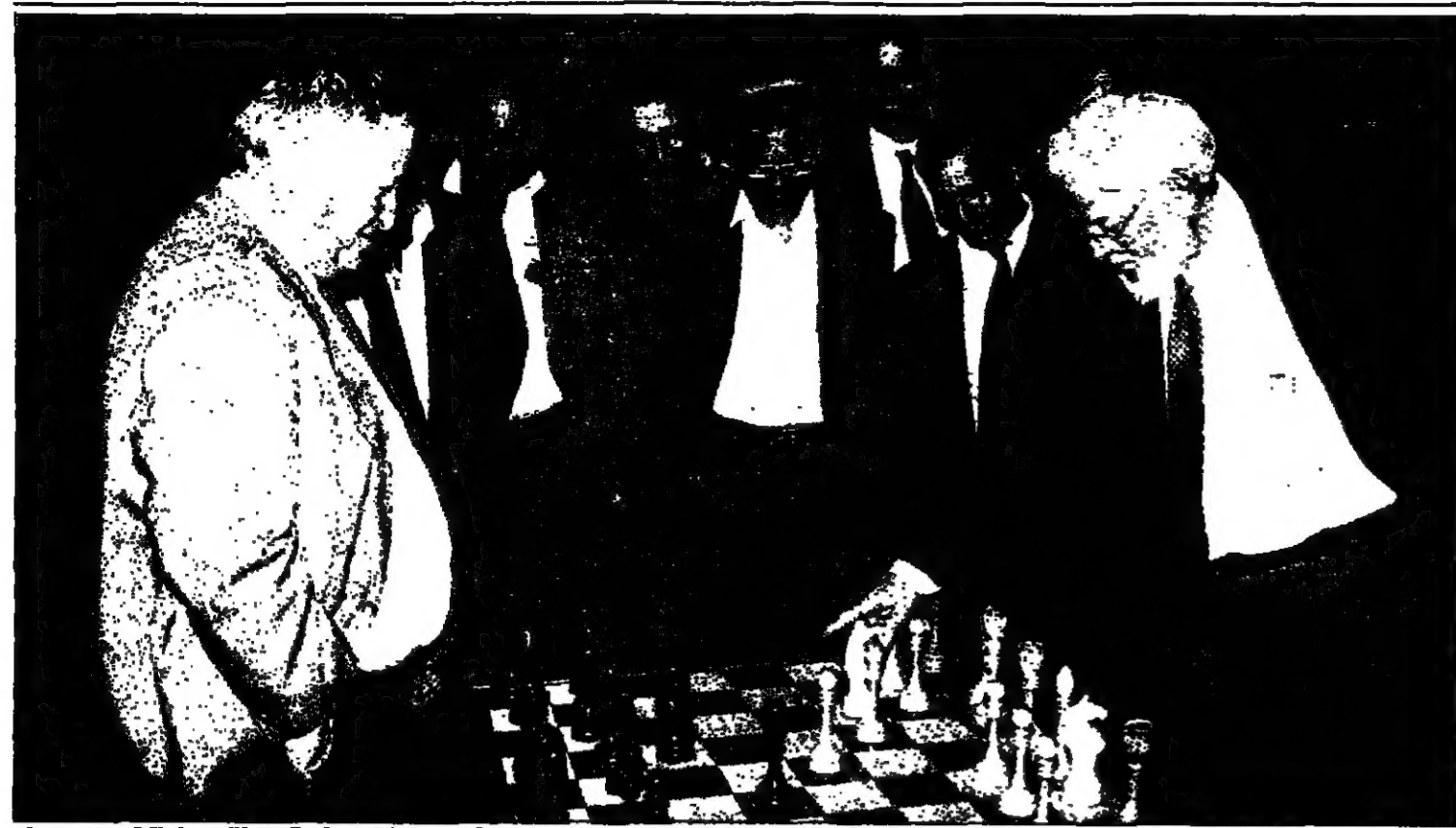
He is an Israeli Broadcasting Authority pensioner, a former head of the foreign language broadcasts and IBA ombudsman. But he has kept his secret for 36 years.

"He was the right man in the right place at the right time," Kimor said.

Grayewski, who was never paid for the leak, rejects claims of heroism. "I did what I felt I had to do and I'm pleased I did it. But I was much younger then and acted automatically without thinking. Now I realize just how dangerous it was."

The film took Grayewski him back to Warsaw and Moscow, where he once worked as a Polish news agency reporter.

During the course of the filming he met childhood friends, the former Israeli ambassador to Poland and former USSR president Mikhail Gorbachev who admits on camera that the speech about Stalin was a direct influence on his ideas for perestroika.



Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban (right) makes a bold move in a chess match with Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, during a break last week at the Moscow trade fair, Israel '94. Nearly 100 economic and business leaders joined the Israeli delegation to the event. (Nissim Shorer)

Expert warns of neglect among immigrant families

BATSHEVA TSUR

THERE is a considerably higher incidence of child neglect among immigrant families than in the veteran population, Dr. Yitzhak Kadman, head of the National Council for the Child, said yesterday.

This trend could increase during the summer holidays, since the government has not made plans this year to finance summer camps for immigrant children, Kadman warned.

He reported the case of an eight-year-old girl found sleeping in a Jaffa park. Her mother, who

had to go to work, would leave her there in the early hours of the morning before the girl went to school.

Other immigrant parents have been known to lock their children in their apartments for extended periods, because there is no one to care for them, Kadman said.

Last year, 730 cases of child neglect from immigrant families were referred to the council's ombudsman, compared with 1,270 from the veteran population, Kadman said.

The referrals, which came from professionals, neighbors, children and parents, included not only cases of neglect or abuse, but also health and educational problems, which were the result of the immigrants' socio-economic situation.

"Many of the cases are similar to those among the veteran population, but there are certain aspects that are peculiar to the immigrants," Kadman said, citing corporal punishment as an example of different cultural values with regard to child-rearing.

The immigrants, Kadman pointed out, often have to work at menial jobs which require shift work, and cannot rely on an extended family or on a social network to help with the children, nor can they afford baby-sitting arrangements.

He cited a case where an immigrant mother left her children for three weeks with her landlord to go away and work to earn money.

"The Israeli family was shocked, but the immigrant, who was a single parent, did not regard this as child neglect. She simply needed the money," he said.

Clean-up yields two tons of garbage from seabed off Eilat

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IT WAS a fishing operation that made a difference: Some 200 divers netted over two tons of garbage from the seabed off the Eilat coast on Friday.

The four-hour underwater clean-up operation concluded Environment Week, launched last Thursday with an anti-litter campaign on the country's beaches.

"Apart from the problems we

all know about sewage, phosphates, and petroleum, there is a problem of underwater litter," said Elik Adler, who heads the Environment Ministry's marine pollution department. "Like hikers who see litter lying on the ground, divers see garbage lying on the seabed and it's very unat-

tractive — apart from being an environmental hazard in a very delicate ecosystem."

The clean-up campaign was sponsored by the ministry and the Israel Diving Federation.

"Most of the garbage comes from tourist boats that take visitors out for a few hours and then back to the marina. The tourists dump their plastic plates, cutlery and bottles," Adler explained. "Some litter also comes from the beach, where it has been left by

campers and bathers."

Fishing lines and nets that have become caught in corals are also a problem, he said.

Instead of the (recycled) plastic bags the land-lovers used for the beach clean-up, the divers used small nets.

Although similar operations have been held before, they have been on a smaller scale. This is the first time the event was tied into a general coastal clean-up. According to Adler, several foreign groups have expressed interest in copying the idea.

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